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## THE DEFENCE OF SHANGHAI.

BRITISH FORCES NOW INCREASED TO 4,000.

BRITISH SOLDIERS AND PUNJABIS THERE.

FIELD HOSPITAL ALSO ARRIVES.

Every day sees the Shanghai Defence Force assume more definite shape as British troops arrive in Shanghai to protect lives and property from the dangers which the present political situation may have in store, says the *Shanghai Times* of last Thursday. The strength of British forces here was increased to 4,000 men by the arrival of the troopship *Sirdhana* from Calcutta with two battalions of 1,600 men belonging to the Punjab Regiment. The vessel tied up at Old Ningpo wharf after being fog-bound off the river mouth at Wossung for a day.

The arrivals on the *Sirdhana* belong to the 4th battalion of the 1st Punjab Regiment and the 3rd battalion of the 3rd Punjab Regiment who were last stationed at Calcutta. They left India on January 30th and proceeded direct to Shanghai.

The *Sirdhana* came upstream and reached the wharf at 7 a.m. on Wednesday last. The men on board here were not removed ashore until the next day, when they went into billets at the Shanghai Waterworks at Yangtzepoo, and also out at Baikal Road, near the Moutrie opium factory. On Wednesday, they went for a route march through Yangtzepoo for exercises and undertake another march on Thursday for a similar purpose.

The arrival of the Suffolk battalion, which was then expected from Hong Kong in a few days and as now arrived will complete the present military provisions of the brigade for Shanghai. The other two divisions will be stationed at Hong Kong and will not be sent to Shanghai unless the need demands. As a result of these arrivals, the original Punjab battalion sent from Hong Kong to cover the emergency will be sent back to the Colony.

British Forces At Shanghai.

British forces at present in Shanghai are as follows:—  
2nd battalion Gloucestershire Regiment.  
2nd battalion Durham Light Infantry.  
4th battalion, 1st Punjab Regiment.  
3rd battalion, 14th Punjab Regiment.  
5th battalion, 2nd Punjab Regiment.

As the present defence force is entirely British, only British property is being used for billets and quarters, although the huts erected on Municipal property will be tenanted by the defence force. The field hospital is fully equipped with all the latest medical and surgical appliances for field work and the medical staff and assistants are all experienced in field ambulance and war work.

The Punjabis.

The arrival of the Punjabis makes the third batch of British troops to arrive here, but there were few people waiting at the wharf to greet them.

Two New Battalions.  
Colonel D. V. Willoughby, D.S.O., commands the 4th Punjab and Lieut-Col. C. H. Stockley, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., commands the 3rd Punjab.

Entertaining Tommy.

The streets of Shanghai now swarm with men in khaki and on every hand are seen evidences of the warm welcome Shanghai has in store for the troops. Soldiers stationed out at the Waterworks are seen motoring into town in the private cars of residents and in the central district many groups of soldiers are being taken around the town as the guests of Shanghai-landers anxious to show their appreciation for the coming of the soldiers.

With the coming of the Gloucestershire and Durham detachments the number of armed forces of various nationalities in this district has been increased to almost 10,000 soldiers, sailors and marines. These institutions like the Union Jack Club and the Navy Y.M.C.A. find themselves running to capacity and efforts are being made to augment their facilities by various organizations in the city.

## GERMANY'S FINANCIAL RECOVERY.

BUR LOAN AT 5 PER CENT.

Little more than three years after the mark was stabilised in the proportion of 1,000,000,000 to one of its original value the German Government is able to borrow 500,000,000 marks (\$25,000,000) at 5 per cent. (issue price 92). A combination of leading banks will float 300,000,000 marks and the rest appears to have been already taken over as a firm investment by the railways, Post Office, and other Government institutions. During twenty-five years, beginning in 1924, the loan will be redeemed at par by annual drawings.

This loan, which is a further astonishing sign of Germany's return to economic normality, is not needed to meet any pressing emergency, but as has been explained by the Finance Minister, Herr Rainhold, to the Press, has been floated at the present moment mainly in order to take advantage of the momentary extraordinary fluidity of the money market. It is also hoped to "standardise" the rate of interest at 5 per cent., and thus facilitate large financial operations by private firms, which are expected to be rendered necessary by industrial expansion later in the year. The loan itself is to be spent eventually on public works, especially canals.

Some newspapers seem to doubt whether Government borrowing is really necessary, and whether the contemplated expenditure might not have been covered by the continued expansion of revenue.

## THE ROYAL MARINES FOR SHANGHAI.

FORMER INTELLIGENCE OFFICER AT THAT PORT RETURNING.

Captain R. C. A. Glunick, former Intelligence Officer at Shanghai, is among the officers of the Royal Marine Battalion despatched to Shanghai as part of the defence forces.

Captain Glunick is a graduate of the Naval Staff College and belongs to the Chatham Division. He was promoted captain in September, 1915, and served on the *Hyacinth*, flagship at the Cape, during the first two years of the war. Afterwards he was lent to the army. Captain Glunick left Shanghai for Home only very recently.

Lieutenant-Colonel George Carpenter, O.B.E., D.S.O., is in command with Major St. George F. Gordon Caulfield as second-in-command. Major Caulfield served at the depot at Deal before leaving for Shanghai.

Born on January 25th, 1881, he is the son of Brigadier-General E. W. S. Caulfield, and has been in the Royal Marines since 1898. He was awarded a medal and diploma by the King of Italy for services rendered during the relief operations after the Messina earthquake in 1908. Early in 1914 he became Intelligence Officer at Colombo, and during the war served as G.S.O., 2nd grade, at this base, and later as G.S.O., 1st grade, at Malta, with the temporary rank of lieutenant-colonel.

Captain Humphry T. Tollema, Adjutant of the Battalion, belongs to the Portsmouth Division, and was promoted last September. He entered the Royal Marines as probationary second lieutenant on September 7th, 1915, and, being promoted to lieutenant a year later, was posted to the battleship *Hellerophon* in the Grand Fleet. Since the war he has been in the battle-cruiser *New Zealand*, the cruiser *Cambria*, and at the Portsmouth Division.

Major C. E. Sykes Wright, O.B.E., third senior officer, has been serving recently at Plymouth. He has been described as the champion linguist of the Navy, for he is a qualified interpreter in Danish, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Norwegian, Russian, Spanish and Swedish. From 1922 to 1925 he was Supervising Intelligence Officer with Admirals Sir M. Culme-Seymour and Sir James Fergusson on the North American Station.

## THE "MASCULINE" WOMAN.

Every now and again the "masculine woman" myth is resurrected. Perhaps some athletic exploit is the cause. Or it may be academic and professional successes that loosen tongues against the modern manliness of Eve.

When University doors first opened to women, it raged virulently. Again, there were fresh outbreaks when the first woman barrister was briefed and when the pioneer of lady Channel-swimmers reached Dover.

Yet these things had to come. Woman's freedom was born when the law gave her rights of her own. It was weaned amidst male hostility—the period of fighting for emancipation. Then, through some glamour of war-service and the triumph of the vote, it reached maturity. Now, when the last parliament has fallen, the parrot-tree goes up that woman has become a man.

Granted that fashions change, can hearts do likewise? Apart from the "possum," it is possible that womanly ideals have perished; but a new outlet has been discovered for their grief. In a word, it is Eve false to herself because she now stands on an equality with Adam.

In the old days "womanliness" was a term beloved by sentimentalists. It stood for the gentle virtues—charity, love, sympathy, understanding, and the rest. To-day it has lost nothing of its meaning; its sphere has merely changed from the narrow confines of home to the wider spaces of the world in general.

Only by a perverted sense of justice can we grudge woman the right to fight the battles of her sex in person. And now that she is quietly shouldering responsibilities of every kind, the so-called masculine privileges are surely her perquisite as well. Yet there are still those who condemn her because she takes what was never hers by custom, but always hers by right.

Wherever a woman goes, in pleasure, sport or business, she radiates her unmistakable refinement. She purifies where foulness was before; she brings chivalrous incentives to an atmosphere of fervid competition. That is the true womanliness; the complete answer to the accusation that she has become unsexed. So long as it remains, she cannot wander far from the highest ideals of her tradition.

There are some who point to feminine influence as the "white hope" of a modern top-sy-turvy world. And who can say that they are wrong?

## LONDON'S HOUSING PROBLEM.

THE AREAS GROWING COMPLEXITIES OF THE SITUATION.

The shortage of houses in Greater London was computed in 1919 at 50,000; by the end of last September the shortage had grown to 63,000.

This statement is embodied in a report by Col. Levita, Chairman of the London County Council Housing Committee.

"It officially confirms the gravity of the housing situation and provides proof that the need of houses is more acute to-day than at the end of the war—when 1,000,000 new dwellings were required.

The increase of 12,000 in the house-building arrears in Greater London is not due to neglect. On the contrary, there has been considerable building, according to Col. Levita. In fact, in the first nine months of last year, the building figures were higher than in any full preceding year.

This only emphasises the gravity of the problem and the imperative necessity of grappling with it on bolder lines than hitherto.

In 1924 the London County Council estimated that the normal annual need of Greater London is 17,000 houses, of which 12,500 are required for the working classes. It is obvious, therefore, that the result of all the activity since the 1919 calculation has been to increase the arrears by nearly one year!

The Causes.  
Colonel Levita, who has devoted himself zealously and vigorously to the problem for the past six years, explains the cause in this way:

"Only the London County Council has been pulling its weight," he said, standing before a huge map in his room at the County Hall. He pointed to the various estates that are being developed all round the County Council area.

"We are building every house we humanly can. We cannot spend all the money we have voted. There is a shortage of labour, plasterers mainly, and they are the key men. To cope with this difficulty we are building wooden houses and steel houses."

Colonel Levita admitted, frankly, that conditions in many cases are harrowing, and he is engaged on a determined crusade against cellar dwellings.

"Cellar life is one of the most offensive forms of existence in London," he said, "but we have enormous difficulties to overcome. Some people refuse to go out of the slums, and others in the outer neighbourhoods object to slum dwellers creeping into their midst. Unfortunately, there are still people who rip up the lavatory seats for picture frames."

Not Only A Slum Problem.  
He was glad to acknowledge, however, that the standard of life demanded has considerably improved and that the problem is not one of slums only.

"The cost of land is not so important to us as the cost of money," he remarked. "One half per cent. extra on a £200 house means £2 a year."

Colonel Levita mentioned that many workers cannot possibly think of acquiring houses of their own owing to the uncertainty of the scale of their work.

"The London worker lives in his house on an average for three years," he said, "owing to the exigencies of the hunt for employment. This raises the traffic problem in acute form, and we have such anomalies as men living in North Kensington and working at Woolwich, and Woolwich dwellers working in North Kensington."

Incidentally, he touched on the bridges problem and report. "It is a beautiful dream," he commented, "but I don't see how more bridges are going to help, for the main streams of traffic run east and west and the bridges run north and south."

Skyscraper Homes.  
As to tall buildings as a means of solving the problem of Metropolitan congestion, Colonel Levita does not see how they can be avoided, nor how it is possible to check the commercial encroachment in central London, which is driving out population from those areas.

"After all," he pointed out, "the financial life blood of London is its realisable value, and this is improved by the commercial structures. It is inevitable that the population must move out."

This emphasises a point only touched upon by Colonel Levita—the Greater London problem. It is an old story that whenever the London County Council select an outside district for housing development they become engaged in a fight with the local authorities. The local councils complain that the influx of people will add to their rates because of the extra cost of the services. The L.C.C. have admitted this, and have suggested equalising rates, but the local authorities opposed.

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## CHAIN OF RICK FIRES AT WOKING.

UNKNOWN WOMAN  
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While firemen who had been working for nearly three days and nights fighting a series of rick fires near Woking were engaged on two new outbreaks at farms at Westfield, a village close by, the local police began to search for a woman who had been seen in the vicinity during the day.

A woman was arrested at Westfield and was taken to Woking Police Station. She was charged with stealing a blanket from Barnsbury Farm, occupied by a Mr. Marshall, which stands a few hundred yards from the rick which caught alight on a Saturday night and started the series of fires.

The woman, who refused to give her name and address, was remanded.

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## FATAL TYPHOID CASE.

BUT NO APPREHENSION OF  
EPIDEMIC.

MEDICAL OFFICER ANSWERS  
MR. BRAGA'S QUESTIONS.

CAUSE OF INFECTION NOT  
KNOWN.

Answers were given by the Medical Officer of Health and the President at yesterday afternoon's meeting of the Sanitary Board to the questions asked by Mr. J. P. Braga regarding the outbreak of typhoid in the Colony, and the recent death from that disease of Mr. G. W. Arenell, D.C.M.

It appears that there is no cause to fear that typhoid will assume epidemic proportions among the European community, or in the Colony generally. The actual source of the infection has not been traced, and the cause of the infection is unknown.

There were present at the meeting Mr. N. L. Smith (President), Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. H. T. Cressy (Director of Public Works), Dr. G. W. Pope (Medical Officer of Health) and Mr. D. Davies (Secretary).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The first question put by Mr. Braga was: With reference to the fatal European (British) case of typhoid, reported in the local newspapers of the 14th February, and to other cases (also European), now happily convalescing, and in order to allay public apprehension, will the Medical Officer of Health please state whether, in his opinion, these cases, which have occurred among the European residents of Kowloon, may take the form of an incipient epidemic of this malignant disease?

The Reply.

The Medical Officer of Health replied: After careful enquiry into all recent cases I have not found any evidence to justify the apprehension that typhoid has assumed, or is likely to assume epidemic proportions at present.

Source of Infection?

The second question was: Has the source of infection in the cases mentioned in (1) been traced, and, if so, what is it? If not, will the Medical Officer of Health be so kind as to explain, what, in his opinion, led to the disease being contracted by the patient who unfortunately succumbed to the disease?

Reply.

The Medical Officer of Health replied: The actual source of the infection has not been traced in these cases. In the absence of definite knowledge as to the source I am unable to express an opinion as to the probable cause of the infection. This applies also to the fatal case, who I might add lived in an institution from which no other cases have been reported.

Inspection of Chinese Market Gardens, etc.

The third question was: Owing to the recurrence of typhoid cases, and so as to avert the danger of the dreaded disease spreading in an epidemic form, will the President cause instructions to be issued for the periodic and more frequent visits of Chinese market gardens in the outskirts of Old Kowloon by officers of the Sanitary Department with the object of (a) better supervision being exercised over the supply of vegetables and other market produce cultivated with manure derived from human and animal sources; and (b) controlling the use of offensive matter for manurial purposes so as to reduce to a minimum the danger of disseminating communicable diseases in the event of an outbreak thereof?

Reply.

The President replied: Chinese market gardens in New Kowloon are not at present inspected by the staff of the Sanitary Department. If the inspection now suggested is to have any practical results it will I think be necessary as a first step for the Board by resolution to reverse its ruling that the Scavenging and Conservancy By-laws are not to be enforced in outlying areas.

Use of Infected Manure.

Mr. Braga's fourth and last question was: In the hypothetical, though not improbable, case of the discharge of a typhoid patient finding their way into the cess-pool in Kowloon Tong (referred to in my questions on the 25th January last) and the liquid manure sprayed over the vegetables in cultivation in the district, will the Medical Officer of Health please inform the Board whether such a source of infection would not be a real menace to the health of the residents of Kowloon Tong?

Reply.

The Medical Officer of Health replied: Under the circumstances postulated in this question any one who ate uncooked vegetables in question would run a risk of infection and that risk would be the same whether or not such a person

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## MILITARY TAKING OVER ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL.

TO BE USED AS HOSPITAL.

TEMPORARY PREMISES TAKEN  
IN NATHAN ROAD.

With a view to finding accommodation for the troops shortly expected in the Colony the Military Authorities during this month approached the Committee of the Diocesan Boys' School with a view to taking over the School and Ground temporarily for a Hospital. Arrangements for this have been made and from March 1st until further notice, the School will carry on its work, temporarily, in ten houses which the Committee have taken on Nathan Road, Kowloon. These houses are large three storied buildings at the end of Nathan Road. Five of the houses will be used for the Boarders and the Resident Staff and five for the School. In each house there are three large rooms and three smaller rooms opening into each other. Government Water is being laid on and the Flush System is installed on each floor of all the ten houses. The Houses were built in 1923-1928 for European occupation and stand in the centre of a large area of land on which the Military Authorities have agreed to fence in a Recreation Ground and to form two tennis courts. Authorities have also agreed to meet any reasonable expenditure to make the houses as suitable as possible for educational purposes. No other houses adjoin these ten houses nor are there any houses near to them.

Next term begins on Tuesday March 1st and new boys should attend on Monday February 27th at 9 a.m.

Well Designed For The Purpose.

What the School loses the Military Authorities gain. For the purposes of a Hospital there is no better site nor more easily adaptable building in the Colony than the Diocesan Boys' School. The large Hall 100 by 50 feet, the Covered Playground, 100 by 70 feet, the Dormitories, 84 by 32 feet, the Dining Room 68 by 32 feet, the large store and Locker Rooms, the general style of the building and the extensive grounds will be of exceptional value for the purposes which the Military Authorities have in view. A great debt of thanks, and, something more, will be due to the School. An expression of thanks and at the same time a word of sympathy is due to the Committee, the Headmaster and the donors to the Scheme for the 'New School' which was described by the Bishop of London as, from the point of view of the work of a school, one of the finest he had seen in the world. It is hoped that the occupation of the School by the Military Authorities will only be for a few months.

The School's Plans.

In view of the troubles in the neighbouring country the School expected to be very full this year. Parents and Guardians can be assured that the Committee and the Headmaster will make the best arrangement possible for carrying on the school.

It is fortunate that alternative premises have been found so near to the school, at a place which is reasonably accessible and where one block of five houses can be used as a Hostel for the Boarders, and the other block of five houses for the School.

It is understood that an Appeal for Funds was about to be made in England in Hong Kong and in the Far East.

The School feels that it cannot make this appeal now. The money was wanted to pay off a large loan which it received recently to help it when, owing to local financial conditions during the past eighteen months, the buyer of the old site was not able to pay up the balance of the purchase money.

lived at Kuo Lung Tong. The Board advises the public quarterly of the danger of eating uncooked vegetables.

The Estimates.

The President moved that a committee of the Board be appointed, consisting of the President, Dr. Tso and Mr. McGowan to consider the estimates of the Sanitary Department for 1928, and to report to the Board.

Mr. Braga: Will opportunity be given to members to discuss any recommendations of this committee before the estimates go to the Government?

The President: Of course, Mr. Braga.

Mr. Braga: It will be submitted to the full Board?

The President: Of course.

Mr. Braga said that his reason for asking that this should be done was in view of suggestions in connection with the market at Kowloon City.

The President asked that any suggestions on the matter be written out and forwarded to the committee for consideration.

On the motion of the President, plans for the proposed markets at Cheung Sha Wan and Kowloon City were passed.

## FRENCH CONVENT SCHOOL, CAUSEWAY BAY.

ANNUAL PRIZE  
DISTRIBUTION.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR'S WORK.

The annual distribution of certificates and prizes took place at the French Convent School yesterday afternoon.

On account of the recent death of the Rev. Mother Felicie, the function was of a private and very quiet nature. His Lordship, Bishop H. Valtorta, kindly gave away the prizes in the presence of Mr. Ralphs, the Mother Superior and staff.

By the demise of the Rev. Mother Felicie the School has lost one of its best friends. She was the founder of the French Convent School, and, since its foundation worked with untiring zeal to bring it up to the high standard which it now enjoys. Her memory will long remain in the minds and hearts of all those who knew her.

By the departure of the Rev. Father Robert another great friend was lost to the School. With his usual foresight he quickly understood the growing requirements of modern education and his zealous efforts procured for the sisters and pupils amongst other advantages—the fine school which they now possess and for which they will always be indebted to him.

In a few appropriate words his Lordship urged the pupils to do their very best while at the Convent School reminding them, that true education does not consist merely of instruction of the mind but also of the development of the character and of the heart. He added that though many would not be fortunate enough to win certificates and prizes, they could all profit by the lessons taught them while at School and could thus become useful and worthy citizens later on.

After the distribution Mr. Ralphs thanked his Lordship for coming to distribute the awards, congratulated the pupils on their success, and with the consent of the teachers granted the pupils a holiday.

Report On The Year's Work.

The enrolment and general attendance during the past year have been as usual very satisfactory. The children evidently enjoy coming to school and are certainly less keen on holidays now-a-days, than in former times. This is probably due to the more interesting work now done in school.

The Preparatory Class for Chinese students has been particularly well attended, and the progress made by these pupils in the English language was remarkable. Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, made his annual visit in November last and his report was encouraging both to pupils and teachers. The building he found excellent, and the discipline and general tone of the school were also excellent.

Dr. Strahan and Dr. Thomas conducted medical inspections during the year, and their reports show that the children were in perfectly good health. English, both spoken and written, was shown improvement throughout. As script writing has been adopted in all the classes an improvement is shown in the hand-writing, which is shown in time reach a high standard. Geographical maps and drawing (in the various branches) were very good and the needlework excellent. Concluding his report, Mr. Ralphs remarked that the school was continuing to do very useful and satisfactory work.

Examination Results.

One candidate was presented for the Matriculation and passed. This pupil also obtained the Hong Kong Government Scholarship. Last year a pupil from this school, Miss Agnes Fan, won the same scholarship and both these students have now entered the University.

Five students passed the Senior local Miss Yvonne Phalavau obtaining Honours, and distinction in English, French, and Needlework. Six pupils passed the Junior local with distinctions in various subjects. Miss Lily Chue was the winner of the Lugard Scholarship for the year 1927.

During the year the school was honoured by visits from Lady Clementi, his Lordship Bishop H. Valtorta, Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, the Rev. Mother Visitatrice from France, and the P. Minnet and others, and the interest shown by these kind-visitors in the work of the school was gratefully appreciated by the Mother Superior and Staff.

When the school broke up for the Xmas Holidays a little Xmas party was held by each class and the pupils received presents which were kindly provided by benefactors of the school.

The Rev. Mother and Sisters wish to tender thanks to these benefactors,—to Mrs. C. Montague Edwards, for her special prizes for the successful University students; to Mr. Ho Kom Tong for a special cup for progress in English in the Chinese Preparatory class and to all friends who have contributed towards suitable rewards for the pupils who have shown good conduct and progress.

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LUARD SCHOLARSHIP AND PRIZE: Lily Chue.

## NORWEGIAN AND RUSSIAN IN TROUBLE.

DESTITUTE AND A  
STOWAWAY.

Two more destitutes were brought before Major C. Wilson yesterday at the Central Magistracy, by Sgt. Elston.

Paul Rasmussen, a native of Oslo, Norway, made a long statement to the effect that he had at one time worked on a farm and also at a lumber camp in Canada, eventually coming out to the Far East in search of a more lucrative job.

It was understood that arrangements were being made to send the defendant away from the Colony, and an order was made for his confinement in the House of Detention for the time being.

A Ukrainian, named Michael Ivanoff, was charged with stowing away on the s.s. *Hangnam* from Swatow. The defendant was found hiding in the coal bunkers, and it was assumed that he got on board at Swatow.

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## THE STEAMBOAT CO. MEETING.

### QUESTION OF LOSSES DURING STRIKE RAISED. DRASTIC ECONOMY SUGGESTED BY SHAREHOLDER.

### COMPENSATION FROM GOVERNMENT EXPECTED.

### FASTER STEAMERS FOR MACAO SERVICE.

Several interesting matters came up at the 107th annual general meeting of the Hong Kong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., held yesterday morning at the offices of the Company, 43, Des Voeux Road.

Mr. Li Tse Fong suggested that they were paying too much for administrative work, and seriously urged that there should be a drastic reduction in expenses and that economy should be the keynote of administration. He also recommended that a shipping firm be appointed as General agents, pointing out that this would save the Company \$30,000 per annum, representing a dividend of 2 1/2 per cent. on its capital.

The losses sustained by the Company in maintaining a service with Canton during the strike were also mentioned, it being hinted that negotiations were in hand between the Company and the Government with a view to compensation for these losses.

In spite of abnormal conditions optimism was expressed for the future, and it was mentioned that the prospect of increased trade with Macao if realised might make it necessary to place faster and more modern steamers on the run.

Mr. T. G. Weall presided, and there were also present:—Sir Robert Ho Tung, Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, J. M. Alves, H. Staples Smith (Directors) Mr. John Arnold (Secretary), Mr. W. E. L. Shenton (Company's solicitor) and the following shareholders: Messrs. Lo Kai Hong, Cheng Ching Po, W. G. Joseph, Paul Lauder, C. Bernard Brown, Li Tse Fong, S. Danenberg, O. Kitchell, C. A. Peel, J. Owen Hughes.

The CHAIRMAN said:—It is with deep regret that I have to record the death of two members of the Board during the year—the Honorable Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Capt. W. E. Clarke. Mr. Holyoak had been a Director since 1914 while Capt. Clarke's connection with the Company extended over a period of 49 years.

When addressing you last year the Chairman struck a note of warning and expressed the opinion that unless there was an early improvement in trading conditions figures in respect of 1926 would leave much to be desired. The improvement, however, was long delayed and under the circumstances you were no doubt prepared for the disappointing result of the year's working.

#### Canton Service.

Communication with Canton was maintained throughout the year by a daily service operated in conjunction with the China Navigation Co.'s s.s. *Fukien*, but unfortunately, as was to be expected, the result was not altogether satisfactory. Your Directors, however, decided that it was in the best interest of all concerned to carry on a restricted service, having regard also to the Colony's requirements, and I feel confident Shareholders will endorse the policy. Towards the latter part of the year it was possible to recommence a full schedule of sailings and you will be pleased to learn that so far the arrangement is working quite satisfactorily.

#### Government Help.

Had it been decided to lay up the fleet depreciation of vessels would have been practically nil, the same scale as when in commission, and as we were expecting from day to day to resume a full service I am sure you will agree that it would have been short sighted policy to have impaired our organisation by dismissing officers, whom it would be difficult to replace at short notice. The possibility of receiving financial assistance from the Government was mentioned in the speech from the Chair last year and I am happy to state that a definite promise of support has been received from His Majesty's Government, and though negotiations are still pending, I have reason to believe that in view of the services rendered to the Colony our application for further compensation will be favourably considered by the local authorities.

#### The Loss.

The net loss for 1926, after providing \$119,971.95 for depreciation, amounts to \$305,449.90 against which you will note that a sum of \$40,000 has been transferred from Depreciation Fund to the credit of Profit and Loss Account. After deducting the amount brought forward as interest on investments, etc., there remains a balance at debit of \$246,955.33, which your Directors recommend should be carried forward.

You will notice that certain alterations have been made in the Balance Sheet, an improvement which will no doubt appeal to Shareholders.

We have effected economies in many directions, the result of which will be reflected in future Balance Sheets.

#### Optimism For Future.

Conditions continue abnormal and it is impossible to foretell what the future may have in store, but I am by no means pessimistic and feel confident that with the turn of the tide our Company with an up-to-date fleet of steamers will regain its former position on the River.

Before bringing my remarks to a close I desire to record that your Directors are alive to the possibilities of increased trade with the neighbouring Colony of Macao and as the Harbour Works there, are now nearing completion it would be unwise to ignore the necessity of placing faster and more modern steamers on the run. In that connection certain proposals have been made to the Board, and when something of a more definite nature is forthcoming the scheme will be placed before Shareholders for discussion.

I have no further comments to make, and I therefore beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented. When this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any question in connection therewith which Shareholders may wish to ask.

#### Secondor's Speech.

Seconding Mr. Li Tse Fong after a reference to the deaths of the Hon. Mr. Holyoak, and Capt. Clarke complimented the chairman on the changes in the manner of setting out the accounts. He continued: I might add, not only the shareholders—but all the members of the Staff will view with satisfaction the specific allocation of certain assets to the pension, Provident, and Superannuation Funds. This is as it should be, Mr. Chairman, but I would invite a declaration by you that the investments under lien to the Bank do not include those earmarked to the Trust Funds just mentioned.

#### Lavishness In Administration.

I confess, however, to a wish for more details in the Profit and Loss Account, for instance by the separation of the item "Loss on Steamers Working" into two parts, that relating solely to the operation of our fleet, and the other part to the expenses incurred in running the office. It is under the last head, I presume, Mr. Chairman, you refer to when you mention the economies which have been effected. I would like to encourage the Directors in the policy. There is an impression abroad that the administration of this Company has been accompanied by a certain lavishness particularly in the members of the staff which the nature of the business does not warrant. We are in the comfortable position of having been relieved from the greatest part of the administration by a "farmer" who to all intents and purposes has chartered our ships, except as to first class passengers. I speak subject to correction, but it appears to me that for the work that has to be done, we are paying very expensively "possibly" to about \$60,000 per annum which is 40 per cent. of the loss on working.

#### General Agents.

I would suggest, Mr. Chairman, that the Board should not be content with minor economies, but should consider seriously a drastic reduction in expenses which should be the keynote of the administration, and I would recommend for your consideration the appointment of a Shipping firm as General Agents as a first step towards this end. I think an appointment of this nature will result in a saving to the Company of \$30,000 per annum, representing a dividend of 2 1/2 per cent. on its capital. (Continued on next column).

## ANTI-OPIUM PILLS.

### ADDICT'S SEARCH FOR A CURE.

### PREVIOUS SENTENCE CHANGED TO A FINE.

On the application of Mr. M. K. Lo, a rehearing of the case in which an opium addict was sentenced to three months imprisonment on a charge of preparing opium, was brought before Mr. J. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Defendant told the Court that he had had a hard fight with himself in trying to overcome the opium habit. He began by cutting down his daily consumption to a point at which it would be dangerous to go any further. Then he acted on the advice of friends and prepared curative pills. These pills were made of opium dross and medicated wine. It was this compound that he was making up over fire when the Senior Revenue Officer arrested him.

In view of the new light thrown on the case by the defendant's statement, which his Worship now accepted, the Magistrate converted the sentence to one of a fine of \$50.

### CIVIL SERVICE CRICKET CLUB BURGLED.

### RINGS AND \$300 TAKEN.

Burglars made a successful haul from the Cricket Club at Happy Valley, sometime between Sunday night and early Monday morning.

The No. 1 boy discovered the burglary on Monday morning, when he found the door of the safe ajar. The matter was reported to the Treasurer, who found that a safe in the Secretary's Office had been opened, and a sum of \$300 and two gold rings were stolen.

The Police are investigating but so far no arrest has been made.

Although the Directors are to be congratulated on their policy of re-establishing communications with Canton in circumstances of great difficulty, I do not think the Company which is after all a private undertaking, should be left to bear the brunt of the heavy loss entailed in continuing a service not only for the benefit of Hong Kong generally, but also in the interests of the Flag which I would respectfully say is the business of His Majesty's Government.

#### Financial Assistance.

I welcome, therefore, your statement corroborating the statement made by your predecessor, that financial assistance will be forthcoming from the Imperial Authorities, and I trust that this will also be followed by compensation from the Hong Kong Government.

I feel, Mr. Chairman, that you and your Colleagues will agree with me that the Company does not wish to make profits out of the Boycott, but desires only to recover such compensation from the Home and Local Governments as would cover the loss resulting from operating their steamers instead of laying them up in common with other ship owners whose interests are solely commercial.

I trust, Mr. Chairman, you will be able to show in the accounts for the current year the receipt of a substantial sum for compensation which will reduce the adverse balance we are carrying forward from last year.

Before concluding I would like to record with pleasure your statement that proposals have been made to the Board with regard to faster and modern steamers for the run to Macao; the statement will be gratifying to the travelling public in Hong Kong and in Macao, and we hope the scheme will be put in hand at once.

#### Chairman's Reply.

Replying to Mr. Li Tse Fong, Mr. Weall said:—The Floating Staff Pension Fund and the Provident Fund are both operated under a trustee, but the Superannuation Fund is more in the shape of a reserve drawn from the profits of the Company. We have shares which represent more than the total value of these three Funds on deposit with the Bank and these shares are entirely distinct from those which are being used as security for the Bank overdraft.

#### Other Business.

Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. H. Staples Smith, the retiring directors, were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. G. Joseph, seconded by Mr. O. Kitchell.

Mr. C. A. Peel proposed, and Mr. Lo Kai Hong seconded, that Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Binham and Matthews be re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$1,000 each. This was carried.

There was no further business.

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### ROBBERS GET TWO YEARS AND A FLOGGING.

### SEQUEL TO A COWARDLY ATTACK. YOUNG WAITRESS'S PLUCK.

Before acting Puisne Judge, Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, two Chinese who were alleged to have waylaid and robbed a waitress were charged with robbery. The second prisoner was also charged with receiving stolen property.

Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith appeared for the Crown, and both prisoners pleaded "Not Guilty."

Counsel said that Complainant a tea-house waitress on January 18th noticed at the tea-shop a group of men. Returning home about 10.15 p.m. while she was in a lane leading from Ashley Road to Hapshing Road, one of the group suddenly appeared and seized her by the neck.

Two other men helped him knock her down and stole her wrist watch and wrist band.

The men then bolted but she pursued one of them blowing a police whistle. P. A. Ellis, rushed to the scene and arrested the man.

This was the man whom the woman in question recognised among the group at the tea-house. She had no doubts as to recognition, she stated, as he was often in the tea-house.

Returning to the scene of the robbery the police found a pair of boots lying to one side of the lane. Acting on information they went to a house in Wai Ching Street where they found a man in bed. They searched the bed and found the hand of the stolen wrist watch.

Told to get up and accompany the Police the man replied that he could not as he had lost his boots! The watch itself was subsequently found in a pawnshop, a woman having pawned it on the instructions of the man who was arrested in Wai Ching Street.

Statements by the two men were read. The first admitted having been on the scene of the robbery but stated that he was a spectator. The second admitted having had the watch and hand in his possession and that he told a woman to pawn the watch. He said that he was told by another man to go to the scene of the robbery.

The case lasted all through the afternoon.

### ATTEMPT TO ROB A SHOP. FOKI WHO RETURNED IN TIME.

### ONE OF A GANG GETS LONG SENTENCE.

At the Criminal Sessions yesterday, before the acting Chief Justice, Mr. J. R. Wood, a Chinese was charged for having robbed, with others unknown, on January 28th, this year, Lo Pak Ping, accountant of the Yee On Company, 233, Des Voeux Road West, of a bunch of keys, or alternatively, assaulted the complainant with intent to rob him.

Mr. K. Holmes, Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution. Prisoner pleaded "not guilty."

The story, as related in Court, showed how the return of a foki in the nick of time frustrated an attempt to rob the shop.

Mr. Holmes said on the day in question the accountant was sitting in the shop with a foki named Wong Tsai, when the prisoner entered the shop and told Wong Tsai that a clansman of his had been injured in a tea-shop near by. Accordingly, the foki went to the tea-shop and the prisoner also went out, but shortly returned and handed a paper to the accountant. The paper bore the character "Tsoi."

The accountant became suspicious but before he could do anything, three men, including prisoner entered the shop closed the door and dragged him into the middle of the shop where they secured him with wire and used a piece of wood for a gag. In response to a demand, Lo handed over the keys, and two of the men then proceeded to open the safe, the third man standing guard. They were armed, the prisoner with what looked like a file and the other two with knives.

In the meantime, the foki, unable to learn of any accident returned, and, finding the door closed, banged upon it. The robbers opened the door and ran into the street but the prisoner was eventually caught in Water Street. When searched a bunch of keys were found in his pocket.

The prisoner alleged that the charge was trumped up because he had arranged to borrow money from the accountant.

The jury returned a verdict of "Guilty," and his Lordship imposed sentence of five years' hard labour.

the chain because he was going to return it to the first prisoner. The jury returned a verdict of "Guilty" in respect of both prisoners on the charge of robbery. His Lordship agreed with the verdict, and passed sentence on each man of two years' hard labour, and ordered each prisoner to receive twelve strokes of the "cat" in addition.

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## TIMID MERCHANTS.

## NOW SEEKING A COM-PROMISE.

## MOSCOW DELEGATES' RECEPTION BY TRADE GUILDS.

## PREPARATION OF SPEECHES OF WELCOME.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

As far as one can gather the Canton merchants are "climbing down" and are now seeking a compromise with their opponents—the employees who wish to dictate terms regarding service conditions and the questions of appointments and dismissals.

For a time the merchants talked loudly and some said that they too would form "a revolutionary society" and join the Kuomintang and so be the equal of the workers under the present regime. But the extremists in the labour groups did not appreciate the idea of an organized body of merchants. Moreover, the workers seem to know far more about organization than the merchants do. They have departments for secretarial service, picketing, propaganda, relief of sick and needy members, entertainments and social intercourse. The merchants have nothing but their Guilds and their Chambers of Commerce and the members of these bodies do not necessarily know the other members. Generally speaking the merchants appear quite helpless in the face of opposition.

The pickets blockading different shops and factories were driven off a week ago by the Military and Police acting under instructions of the higher Kuomintang authorities, but the merchants did not co-operate in the movement or assist in any way the officials trying to enforce the law.

There have been several encounters between the Police and the workers during the past few days, but they have not been very serious. Chiefly they have occurred in the process of driving away the pickets from business houses.

In Fatsan a number of merchants have closed their premises on account of the continued labour tyranny. The grocers are taking the initiative and others, it is reported, are contemplating following the grocers' example.

The delegation from Moscow now visiting Canton will be received by the leading trade guilds of the City as instructed by the Kuomintang headquarters. The merchants address of welcome to the delegation will be similar to those delivered by the Labour Union. In fact it is being prepared by the same people. The delegation expects to leave for Hankow on February 28th.

The Kuomintang Superintendent of Education in Canton, by withholding licences from 215 private schools because they did not teach Kuomintang doctrines, has been responsible for leaving more than 6,000 children without a place for education. The Superintendent is now asking the Canton Municipality for funds to enable the children to be taken into the public schools.

If the City Kuomintang has its way all the public school teachers will have to undergo another examination and those who fail to pass the test in the history and principles of the Kuomintang movement will be dismissed. It is alleged that a number of teachers have failed to instruct the children in the "Three People's Doctrines."

Canton labour unions and other public organizations met the Third International Delegation from Moscow at the Kuomintang Headquarters on Tuesday afternoon. According to this meeting "the Powers rushing troops to China are imbued with the same spirit as Japan who, about a year ago, dispatched troops to Manchuria to assist Chang Tso Lin to suppress the uprising of Kuo Sung Ling," which they considered an act of interference in the internal politics of China.

Last Monday afternoon, soon after the arrival of the a.s. *Sai On* from Hong Kong at Canton, two factions of the Chinese seafarers working on that ship came into a conflict. One died and two were seriously injured as a result of the fight.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

## Y.M.C.A. SERVICES FUND.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS"]

Sir,—In connection with the Y.M.C.A. campaign for raising funds on behalf of the Services in Hong Kong, an interesting event is taking place next week which, apart from its charitable purpose, merits the attention of the public.

Miss Nora Moon, the distinguished English soprano, who is here on a short holiday from Shanghai, is giving a recital at the Helena May Institute on March 3rd at 5.30 p.m., the entire proceeds of which will be devoted to the Y.M.C.A. Services Fund.

Miss Nora Moon won the King's Scholarship and the Courtney Scholarship at the Royal College of Music, where she became the favourite protegee of Sir Charles Stanford, and also studied under eminent musicians like Parry, Bridge and Parry. She made her debut at an early age and on her first appearance in London received unanimous acclamation at the hands of the critics, not only as a singer but as an artist of great promise and versatility. Numerous press cuttings from such papers as the *Standard*, *Telegraph*, *Referee*, *Musical Standard*, etc., tell of the enthusiasm with which she was received, whether in operatic arias, oratorio, German lieder or English songs.

After appearances in leading roles with the British National Opera Co., she accepted an engagement to sing arias at the Moss-Stoll Empires throughout Great Britain during the War, and though, as she says, she was frankly scared to follow a red-nosed comedian who warbled "Why did the sausage bark at father," with some of the greatest arias written, she had an outstanding success and brought the audience at the London Coliseum to its feet.

By a lucky chance, Miss Nora Moon is for the moment in Hong Kong. It is for music-lovers to seize the opportunity of hearing her. They will also be enabled to hear a talented violinist, Miss Vera Godson, who is also making only a short stay here and will appear twice on the programme at the recital.

The 52 tickets, which are limited to 500, are obtainable at the Helena May Institute—Yours, etc.,

A. M. BOWES-SMITH.

## LABOUR ACTIVITY IN HONG KONG.

## "ORDERS" TO AMALGAMATE.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The unions of Hong Kong Chinese workers are to be united into one general federation, according to a decision reached during the recent Hong Kong Workers' Delegate Conference in Canton.

The organizing committee of the Hong Kong General Labour Union (Hong Kong Chung Kung Wui), according to a *Ying Wo She News Agency* report, has stated that, by a resolution of the 23rd meeting of the regular committee, following instructions from the first Delegate conference of the General Labour Union, all mercantile and industrial union labourers should amalgamate into a general federation. The purpose of the federation is to "attack imperialism" and regain Hong Kong. It is stated that some unions have already been affiliated with the general federation but that many have not done so. The organization committee, therefore, "orders all to affiliate themselves with the general federation so as to enlarge its power."

French and British Municipal authorities in Shanghai are again on the *qui vive*. It is understood that members of the "Prince" clique have been sending agitators into the foreign concession, but that the police have been keeping these men out.

Canton is expecting to be called upon for another war contribution. This time all landlords will have to give up their March rentals. This is the first contribution in 1927. The Kuomintang during 1926 have exacted four months' rent from the Canton landlords, which was mild compared with the Chao-mei circuits, who during 1926 exacted seven months' revenue.

Many labour unions have decided to declare to-day, February 23rd, as a holiday, in order to attend a mass meeting at the Sun Yat Sen University to hear addresses from the American, British, French and Hindustani members of the Third International Delegation.

## OUR VOLUNTEERS.

## TO-DAY'S INSPECTION BY G.O.C.

## DEFENCE OF ISLAND BY THE CORPS.

## GENERAL LUARD'S APPRECIATION OF EFFICIENCY.

The high opinion held by the local authorities of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps can be judged from the remarks of H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., when, in his capacity of General Officer Commanding the South China Command he inspected the Corps last evening, and stated that the possibility of handing over the defence of the Island to the Volunteers was being considered.

General Luard in the course of his address paid a very high compliment to the smartness and efficiency of the Volunteers.

His congratulations were well deserved, for seldom, if ever, have the Volunteers here presented a more soldierlike appearance than they did when drawn up on Murray Parade Ground in view of thousands of spectators last evening.

The parade was a striking one, and the various units, standing motionless at the slope when the General arrived on the ground commanded by his A.D.C. and staff officers, showed evidence of the excellent training they have undergone during the past training season.

The matched placed at the disposal of friends and visitors by the Commanding Officer of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, was packed with European residents. The sides of the parade ground itself was also densely crowded; while on the banks on the Garden Road side were many hundreds of Chinese.

## An Impressive Turn Out.

Especially impressive to the Chinese was the view of these 400 khaki clad volunteers, with glinting buttons and bayonets in the fading day light drawn up to attention in perfect alignment. The drab khaki was relieved by the appearance of the King's Own Scottish Borderers' pipers and drums, with their swirling kilts and tartan trousers, white spats and silver buckled equipment. These, together with the King's Own Scottish Borderers of the Volunteer Corps, added a picturesque touch of colour to the scene.

Prior to the arrival of H.E. the General Officer Commanding, the four hundred civilian-soldiers marched from Headquarters and took up their allotted positions in a three sided square. With their backs to Queen's Road, were the Artillery Company, the Mounted Infantry (without their mounts), the Machine Gun Company and the Armoured Car Company, with their cars at the rear. On their flanks, facing the matchless, were the Engineer Company, the Bagpipes and Drums of the K.O.S.B., and the Infantry Company. At the opposite end of the parade ground to the Artillery, and with their backs to the Cathedral, were the Scottish Company, the Reserve Company and the recently raised Medical Section.

The parade was under the command of Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O. (Administrative Commandant), and there was also present Major R. A. Wolfe-Murray (the new Adjutant of the Corps).

## The Inspection.

Promptly at six o'clock H.E. Major-General Luard arrived on the Parade Ground with his staff. On his appearance a General Salute was accorded, the Corps presenting arms.

The G.O.C. then proceeded to inspect each unit, and showed his keen interest in them by paying very careful attention to every detail. During the inspection the pipes and drums played.

Then came a very striking and spectacular march past, again to the stirring strains of the bagpipes, and the roll of the march past was from the North, the Artillery Company leading, and followed by the other units, in the order given above.

The Corps then formed close ranks for the G.O.C.'s address.

## THE GENERAL'S ADDRESS.

Addressing the Corps, Major-General Luard said: Col. Bird, and all members of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, it is just two years ago since I first inspected you, and although I have not seen as much of you as I would like to have done, I want to assure you that I have always taken, and intend to take the very greatest interest in the Corps. No one who has the interest of the Colony at heart could help doing so. Although not a permanent resident here in any way, I appreciate what it means to you who are all busy men of affairs in different ways to give up your time for military work as volunteers, and which possibly means sacrificing a good deal of your recreation.

## Smart Appearance.

I would like to congratulate you on your turn out and general bearing to-day. Your movements were well and smartly done, and I was particularly glad to notice the great difference in the handling of the sword and saluting by the officers in the march past. In was a very noticeable improvement on last year.

## Assistance to Government.

You have this last month assisted the Government very much by your route marches, and as you say in your Orders, H.E. the Governor expressed his thanks for what you have done. Although you turned out fairly strong, I want to impress on you all that strength makes a great deal of difference in a show of that sort. It does not have the same effect at all if you turn out only a few men. I would therefore ask that on these particular occasions, at any rate, every man who can will be there.

## Knitting Together.

Your camp was well attended on the whole, some 311 men being there. During the coming training season we intend that you shall have four camps, instead of six. This means concentration and working together, and after all it is the knitting together of units which we want to get at in camp.

Last summer, under Major Roberts you did very excellent work with the sand table. From what I have heard, the work was enjoyed and appreciated by everybody. I hope that this year we shall be able to continue it. It is very important to get an insight into the larger developments of war which can be brought up in this way and also you can set the idea of co-operation.

## Few Marksmen.

I was a little bit surprised and disappointed that there were only twenty marksmen out of all these men with arms. It was a little disappointing, and I hope we shall see more next year.

The strength is down slightly. It is 59 less this year than last. This has been partly brought about by men leaving the Colony, but still enough have joined up to leave us only with a deficit of 59. I hope the letter we have addressed to firms will now see us getting a good many more for this force before long.

## Portuguese Company.

We have an idea of raising a Portuguese Company, and I hear that recruits are coming in fast, which is very satisfactory. Officers have been selected to form an A.S.C. Cadre which will develop into a useful unit in the event of mobilisation.

## Island's Defence.

The Kirkpatrick Cup scheme this year has been worked out on the assumption that the present Infantry Company would be armed possibly with machine guns, about forty in number, the idea being considered of handing over the local defence of the Island to the Volunteers, and this will bring their firing power up by something like 100 per cent. It would be interesting to see criticism of this after the details have been worked out.

## New Adjutant.

In Major Wolfe Murray you have a wholehearted regular adjutant—one of experience. He tells me he has met with a most wonderful keenness from everybody he has come into contact with in the Corps. For this I am glad. I am confident that with his assistance, and your co-operation we can look forward to a year that will show even more and greater efficiency than we have at present.

This concluded the proceedings, and led by the armoured cars, Machine Gunners and Mounted Infantry Company, the remainder of the Corps marched off the Parade ground, and returned to Headquarters to the lively strains of the bagpipes and drums of the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

## IMPRESSIVE MARINE ROUTE MARCH.

## A SMART TURN-OUT.

Some three hundred men of the Royal Marines, under the command of Major F. A. Hamer, Squadron Royal Marine Officer from H.M.S. *Providence*, marched through the City yesterday in full marching order.

Headed by the Royal Marine Band, the turn-out was an exceedingly impressive one.

The route was by Queen's Road, Wyndham Street and Hollywood Road through Chinatown and back through Connaught Road, to the Cenotaph where the contingent (comprised of four platoons) formed up smartly. Rear-Admiral Boyle, of the 1st Cruiser Squadron took the salute.

The progress of the march and the final salute attracted crowds who were much impressed by the smart appearance and bearing of these men.

## CASHIER'S ALLEGED BLUNDER.

## PAID OUT \$9,000 TOO MUCH.

## MR. LEE YEE WAN TO STAND HIS TRIAL.

The case in which the cashier of the Bank of Canton is alleged to have paid out \$10,000 on a \$1,000 cheque to Mr. Lee Yee Wan, manager of Wong Fung firm again came up for hearing before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday.

Mr. Lee Yee Wan who is charged with stealing \$9,000 is defended by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Lo & Lo, and Mr. M. M. Watson is appearing for the cashier.

At yesterday's hearing, the defendant giving evidence said that he went to the Bank of Canton on December 13th to cash a \$1,000 cheque. He handed the cheque in, left the Bank and returned about half an hour later and asked for payment which was made, after the cashier asked him the amount in two \$500 notes.

In the afternoon of the same day, one of the shroffs from the Bank called on him and asked if he had received \$9,000 too much on his cheque. Witness said that he did not. The shroff went away, but returned later with the cashier. Defendant was again asked if he had been overpaid. The next day witness received a letter from the Bank asking him to call. He called on the Bank and the same question was put to him. The following day defendant received another letter from the Bank in the same strain. He again called on the Bank and again denied having been overpaid.

On December 20th, defendant said that his *jokis* approached him and demanded a share of the \$9,000 which they accused him of receiving in excess from the Bank. Defendant got angry and discharged them.

In the course of his business, he often had to borrow money from a certain drug store, and on the day in question, he received three loans from that store. At this stage Mr. Alabaster said that he had three more witnesses and asked the Court if the case would be committed for trial. His Worship said that it would but before he could commit, all the witnesses must be heard and others who had already given their evidence must be recalled to sign their depositions.

The case was accordingly adjourned until to-morrow morning.

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH AFFAIRS.

## THE CHAPLAIN'S FUND OPENED.

## CONGREGATION MEETING ON SUNDAY.

In view of the intention of the Government to pull down the present St. Peter's Church and to give a new site and \$50,000 towards the erection of a new Church, it was thought by the Church Council that it is necessary to have a Chaplain who can give his whole time to St. Peter's. The St. John's Cathedral Church Body is prepared to give \$1,000 a year or perhaps appoint a second Assistant Chaplain to the Cathedral who shall be in special charge of St. Peter's, provided St. Peter's congregation can contribute at least \$1,500 a year.

At a meeting of St. Peter's Church Council held on Friday, January 28th, it was unanimously decided to adopt a new scheme for raising funds for this purpose. A box is being placed in the porch of the Church marked "chaplain's fund" and it is hoped that all members and even occasional worshippers and friends will make a voluntary weekly contribution in an envelope which will be provided, and guarantee to make the same monetary offering weekly throughout the year.

## Business For The Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the congregation is to be held at the Sailors' Home there on Sunday at noon, following Sung Eucharist.

The following is the agenda: To receive the Hon. Secretary's Report.

To receive and consider the accounts for 1926.

To elect lay members for the Church Council.

To elect an Honorary Secretary. To consider the Freewill-offering Scheme.

To transact any other business that may arise.

The statement of accounts shows that donations to St. Peter's Church for 1926 amounted to \$230, and donations to the repair fund to \$2,182.

The balance sheet shows that after paying all expenses there is a credit balance of \$290 on the year 1926.

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## MASKED BALL.

Will Any of the Officers of the Navy or Army who are likely to be here on MARCH 4th and who would care to be present at the BALL, communicate direct with the ADVERTISING AND PUBLICITY BUREAU who will try and make Special Arrangements for their Welcome and Comfort. [4350]

## THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL, HONG KONG.

NEXT Term Begins on TUESDAY, MARCH 1st, at 9 A.M. New Boys should attend at 9 A.M. on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28th. The Military Authorities are taking over the Diocesan Boys' School, temporarily, as a Hospital. The School will be temporarily in their own grounds at the end of NATHAN ROAD.

The Ten Houses have Three Storeys in each house with the Modern Sanitary System on each story. One Block of Five Houses will be used for the Resident Staff and the Boarders and the Second Block of Five Houses will be used for Class Rooms, etc. The Houses to be used for the Resident Staff and Boarders are situated at the end of NATHAN ROAD and adjoining PRINCE EDWARD AVENUE, which leads to the Kowloon TONG ESTATE KOWLOON CITY.

THE REV. W. T. FEATHERSTONE, M.A. (Oxon.), Headmaster. [4593]

## ANNOUNCEMENT.

## INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS &amp; SHIPBUILDERS OF HONG KONG.

C. D. LAMBERT, Esq., Will Read a Paper on "AUTOMOBILE TROUBLE AND HOW TO AVOID THEM" on FRIDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, 1927, at 5.45 P.M.

Chairman: L. J. BLACKBURN, Esq., (Vice President).

Members and their Friends are cordially invited to be present. A. LANDSBERT, Hon. Secretary. [4590]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Underigned have received Instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, the 27th, 28th and 29th MARCH, 1927, at H.M. NAVAL YARD, HONG KONG, and KOWLOON NAVAL DEPOT, COMMENCING EACH DAY at 9.30 A.M. WITH AN INTERVAL FROM 12 NOON to 1.30 P.M.

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LOTS MAY BE INSPECTED ON MONDAY, 7th MARCH 1927. Terms of Sale: As detailed in Catalogue.

LAMBERT BROTHERS, By Appointment Auctioneers to the Admiralty. Hong Kong, 10th February, 1927. [4535]

## INTIMATIONS.

## NOTICE.

MRS. LUARD will be very grateful to anyone who has any Books or Magazines to spare if they will send them to her at HEADQUARTER HOUSE for the Use of the Troops shortly arriving in the Colony. [4578]

## BY ORDER OF THE FIRST MORTGAGEE.

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Situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong and registered at the Land Office as SECTION 43 of MARINE LOT No. 55, Together with the Messuage or Tenement and other Erections and Buildings thereon known as No. 142 DES VOGUE ROAD CENTRAL. Area: 706 Square Feet or thereabouts. The Proportion of Annual Crown Rent: \$16.00.

Mr. E. V. M. R. de SOUSA, Auctioneer, at the CHINA AUCTION ROOMS, No. 4, DUNDRELL STREET, HONG KONG.

WEDNESDAY, The 23rd day of FEBRUARY, 1927, at 3 o'clock P.M.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, Apply to: Messrs. GEO. K. HALL BRUTTON & Co., First Mortgagee's Solicitors, St. George's Building, Chater Road.

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## INTIMATIONS.

## HONG KONG &amp; SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at CITI HONG KONG, on SATURDAY, the 26th FEBRUARY, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1926. The REGISTER OF SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 14th FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, the 26th FEBRUARY 1927 (both days inclusive) during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, A. H. BARLOW, Chief Manager. Hong Kong, 7th February, 1927. [4524]

## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. BUILDING, on SATURDAY, 5th MARCH, 1927, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st DECEMBER, 1926, and electing Directors and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 5th FEBRUARY to 5th MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Ltd. Agents. Hong Kong, 19th February 1927. [4534]

## HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED, will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 7th day of MARCH, 1927, at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the Ordinary Business of the Company. AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, to MONDAY, 7th MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, W. F. SIMMONS, Secretary. Hong Kong, 12th February, 1927. [4533]

## CYMDEITHAS DEWI SANT (HONG KONG).

(ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY, HONG KONG).

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Society will take place at the Hotel Savor on TUESDAY, MARCH 1st, 1927, at 7.45 P.M. Tickets \$5.00 each. Members are invited to attend and bring guests and are requested to inform the Underigned as soon as possible of the Number Names and addresses of their guests and to forward at the Same Time the Cost of the Tickets.

G. S. HUGH-JONES, Hon. Secretary, 9, Queen's Road Central. [4546]

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## INTIMATIONS.

## HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## DERRY SWEET.

THE Non-Selling Lottery on "THE HONGKONG DERRY" will be Drawn in the HONGKONG JOCKEY STAND at the "RACE COURSE" on SATURDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1927, at 3 P.M.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary. Hong Kong, 19th February, 1927. [4587]

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## RACE MEETING 1927.

27th FEBRUARY, 1st, 2nd & 5th MARCH.

## MEMBERS' BADGES.

MEMBERS' BADGES of AD-MISSION are Now Ready and may be obtained by those Members who have not already received them, from Messrs. LINSTED & DAVIS, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS. Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the EXTRA RACE MEETINGS of this Year.

## MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing Two Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure. A Limited Number of Tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. LINSTED & DAVIS, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, on or before SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, 1927, at Cost of \$10.00 Each Per Day or \$30.00 for the Meeting. The Charge for Admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4.00 Per Day. Each Member can obtain upon application to the SECRETARY, Badges for the Admission of Two Ladies Free of Charge. On no pretext will Children be permitted in either Enclosure during the First Three Days Racing.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure: Price \$3.00 Per Day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LTD., or at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform Admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 Per Day.

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By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary. [4589]

## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LTD.

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5102	20	148231/148303	"
5103	20	148301/148320	"
5104	20	148321/148340	"
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## The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, FEBRUARY 23rd, 1927.

## THE KING OF TERRORS.

SIR BERKELEY MOYNIHAN, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, in a recent public lecture arranged by the British Medical Association in London, talked about cancer in a way which has attracted enormous attention in England. He startled his audience—which included Mr. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, the Minister of Health, who was in the chair—by declaring at the outset: "If the law of averages holds good 100 people in this room will die of cancer." Some who heard him laughed nervously, and women looked at each other, and it was not difficult to imagine what thought was in their minds. To each the unspoken question presented itself, "Shall I be the victim of this cruel and relentless Fate?" The great surgeon explained that one person in every seven over the age of thirty dies of cancer; 50,000 people die yearly in England, and Wales, and it has been estimated that 500,000 lives are annually lost in the civilised countries of the world from this disease. Cancerous bones, he said, dating from 3,500 years before Christ, have been taken from

tombs near the Pyramids. Cancer was described more than 20 centuries ago by Hippocrates, the Father of Medicine, and it had never ceased from taking its daily toll of lives. It was the Captain of the Men of Death.

Sir Berkeley's avowed object was to give the public the benefit of his knowledge of cancer and to advise them, on signs of the disease, to seek safeguards and early medical treatment. He indicated that the first real steps to educate the public on cancer were being taken in Yorkshire, where exhibitions were to be held in all the principal towns and villages. Boy Scouts and others would issue leaflets, and in addition there would be striking posters, illustrated slides in cinemas, and pulpit references.

Cancer is definitely on the increase, but it can be cured. There is only one malady worse than cancer, and that is the fear of cancer. The purpose of the medical profession now is to give the public knowledge that will bring freedom from that fear. By means of publicity, by educating the public, it is intended to take a message of Hope to all who care to listen.

The subject is one of compelling interest to the human race. Sir Berkeley Moynihan was perfectly frank. He was speaking to a lay audience, and he stated with conviction that while the disease is local and the growth is accessible cancer is curable. It is always at first a local disease and not a blood disease. There does not appear to be any hereditary predisposition to cancer. As far as is known, it is not caused by any special food or foods, nor by the absence of special foods. The disease is neither infectious nor contagious. There is not sufficient proof that "cancer houses" or "cancer districts" exist. In its early stages it rarely causes pain. He warned people to watch their tongue, stating, "conditions which, though not yet cancerous, would tend to become cancerous if neglected, are best seen on the tongue. Cancer almost never develops on a healthy tongue."

And there was the further declaration—which is also in the nature of a warning not to delay to obtain advice—that the main reliance of the doctors in the treatment of cancer is upon surgery. Taken in its early stages the King of Terrors, as he described it, can be conquered and the patient cured. We all know that many diseases once prevalent are now rare, through an intelligent appreciation of the root cause of their existence. Their origin having been discovered suitable remedies have been applied by removing the source of contagion—such as dirt, malnutrition, the lack of air and sunlight, and other relics of social barbarism. Unfortunately the cause of cancer is yet to be determined. Even Sir Berkeley Moynihan can only encourage us in the hope that the danger may be eliminated or postponed by the knife in its early stages if people suffering from any mysterious growth or pains will at once seek medical assistance and willingly undergo early operation. The modern surgeon can work miracles, and experience in other complaints shows that if patients would put themselves more readily under physician or surgeon many distressing ills could be arrested, if not actually cured. There is, generally speaking, such a horror of cancer that people are reluctant to speak about it; and it is part of the campaign now being initiated in England, as mentioned above, to break down popular prejudice and get the public to lose their fear of the disease.

Yesterday being Settlement Day no quotations were issued by the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. The Murray Troop of Boy Scouts are holding a dance at the Royal Engineers' Theatre, Wellington Barracks, next Tuesday evening at 8.30. A Chinese committed suicide by hanging himself on Monday, in his home at No. 304, Hollywood Road. The body was removed to the Public Mortuary. The annual meeting of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society will be held at the City Hall to-day at noon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., will preside. The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending February 15th amounted to 214 tons, and the sales during the period to 21,965 tons. The official race book for this year, as copyrighted by Messrs. Noronha & Co., is now out and can be obtained in advance from their office at No. 3A, Wyndham Street.

In honour of the birthday of George Washington, all naval vessels in harbour yesterday "dressed" ship, the British ships flying the Stars and Stripes at the main mast.

St. Peter's Young Men's Club members, who recently opened their new Club rooms at Bonham Road, are holding an opening dance next Monday evening at the Royal Engineers' Theatre, Wellington Barracks, commencing at 8.30.

A case in which a Chinese is charged with being concerned in an armed robbery at Nga Tang Long, Kowloon City, on December 28th, was adjourned at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, by the acting Puisne Judge, Mr. J. H. B. Nicholl, until eleven o'clock this morning.

Finding the door open, robbers entered a hut at Ngau-nau-ko in the Kowloon City district, on Monday, and bound and gagged the inmate, after throwing cement into his eyes. Money and property to the value of \$92 were stolen. An arrest has been made.

For keeping an opium divan a Chinese was fined \$75 with the alternative of six weeks' hard labour by Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday. His wife who was also arrested was discharged and two men found smoking there were each fined \$2.

In connection with the forthcoming displays by Miss Violet Capell's pupils, parents and friends of the children taking part in the display are requested not to make any presentation of gifts or flowers to-day, or Saturday, 28th inst., but if they bring anything along to the Matinee on Monday, 28th inst., the same will be handed up.

On the occasion of the anniversary of the R.A.O.B. Wellesley Lodge (H.M.S. Hermes) a dinner was held at the Hotel Savoy last week, attended by about 130 "brethren."

The Swedish Consulate-General in Shanghai is interested in ascertaining the present whereabouts of the Swedish subject, Count Goran H. H. D. Falkenberg, born 1904. He left Sweden in 1923 and is known to have been living in Brisbane, Australia, some time during 1924. The information is wanted owing to his being the heir of his late father.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

## MEETING ON FRIDAY.

## CHANGES IN THE INTERPRETATION ORDINANCE.

A meeting of the Legislative Council will be held in the Council Chamber on Friday at 2.30. The "orders of the day" include the second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911: the second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Promissory Oaths Ordinance, 1880; and the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide against accidents in factories.

It is proposed to delete subsection 4 of Section 40 of the Interpretation Ordinance.

This sub-section now reads:—"The same rule shall apply to any order made by the Governor or the Governor in Council, and to any order, warrant, scheme, letters patent, or other instrument made or issued under the provisions of any Ordinance." Provided that they shall not apply to banishment or deportation orders."

This sub-section, it is explained, has frequently caused difficulty and embarrassment, as it throws doubt upon the operation of orders, made under Ordinances, which are not in fact gazetted. Some orders made under Ordinances are obviously of the kind that call for gazetting. Many of them are essentially particular, e.g., an order under section 5 of Ordinance No. 5 of 1870, for refunding a particular fee, or an order for compensation under section 14 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1903, in respect of particular slaughtered cattle. The sub-section, also, if read literally, appears to make the operation of a magistrate's warrant depend on its being gazetted, which would be absurd. Further, it tends to throw doubt on the power to rescind a deportation order.

For similar reasons it is proposed to delete the word "orders" in sub-section (2). All orders, made under Ordinances, which are in the nature of general legislation, will, however, continue to be gazetted as heretofore.

## HEALTH OF THE COLONY.

## SEVEN DEATHS FROM SMALL-POX.

During the week ending last Saturday the following cases were notified:—

Small-pox, 11; of which 7 ended fatally. All were Chinese. Diphtheria, 4; of which one ended fatally. There were two British (imported) cases and



## SHANGHAI'S STRIKE SITUATION "A LITTLE BRIGHTER."

PARTIAL RESUMPTION OF POSTAL SERVICE: BUSES AND TRAMS NEARLY ALL RUNNING.

CHINESE DEFENCE COMMISSIONER'S EFFECTIVE PROCLAMATION.

AGITATORS INCREASING THEIR ACTIVITIES: 100,000 PERSONS STILL ON STRIKE.

The latest news from Shanghai points to the general strike there being a "little brighter," even though there are still some 100,000 persons on strike.

Buses and trams are once again in operation, and, thanks to a very effective proclamation by the Chinese Defence Commissioner, work at the Post Office is gradually being resumed. The Commissioner threatened to execute any employee failing to return to work. This action put a stop to picketing and led to many strikers resuming work.

Executions are still continuing in the Native City, and are having a salutary effect upon the strikers' attitude. The agitators, however, are still busy.

## SHANGHAI SITUATION "A LITTLE BRIGHTER."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 22nd. It is estimated that there are still 100,000 strikers, but with the partial resumption of the Postal Service, all the International Settlement Buses and nearly all the trams running, the situation is a little brighter, despite the fact that local shipping is virtually tied up.

A proclamation by the Chinese Defence Commissioner, posted on the main Post Office to the effect that any employees not returning to work will be executed, has ended all picketing, and has also brought back many strikers.

Executions, which are continuing although on a smaller scale, have been effective in bringing back the rank and file to work, but has greatly increased the activities of the agitators, who are directing affairs in the Settlement.

## "SOMEWHAT EASIER."

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 22nd. The strike situation in Shanghai is somewhat easier. Most of the Chinese shops have reopened for business, the tramway in the British Concession is partially resuming its operation; while in the Chinese territory there has not been any accident to-day.

## MORE EXECUTIONS.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 22nd. To-day twelve strikers or agitators are reported to have been decapitated by Marshal Sun Chuan Fang's subordinates in the Native City.

## A SHANGHAI PROBLEM. PROVISION OF SPACE FOR BRITISH TROOPS.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL EQUAL TO THE OCCASION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 22nd. The Suffolks have landed and are occupying the quarters of the Pundjab at the Race Course. The latter left for Hong Kong this afternoon. The problem providing space for British troops here, which threatened to become acute, has been satisfactorily solved. To avert possible protests from other nationalities against troops being quartered on international property, so far only British property has been used. Yesterday the British Consul-General applied to the Municipality for permission to use Jessfield Park. The Municipality not only agreed but intimated that all Municipal property, such as schools, etc., should be placed at the disposal of the Defence Force if required.

## U.S.A. AND CHINA. TO ACT "INDEPENDENTLY."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22nd. The House of Representatives by 259 votes to 44 has passed a resolution recommending President Coolidge to negotiate with China "independently of other nations." The resolution was sent to the Senate.

## MEETING OF FENGTIEN LEADERS IN PEKING.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 22nd. General Chang Tsung Chang arrived at Peking on the 20th inst. and, on the same night, attended an urgent meeting called by Fengtien leaders, including Marshal Chang Tso Lin, to discuss military matters.

It is reported that a resolution was adopted, to the effect that in the direction of Southern Honan, the Fengtienese be entrusted to deal with the Southern invaders from Hupeh, while the Shantung and Chihli allied forces to be responsible to defend Kiangsu and Anhui.

At the conference General Chang Tsung Chang left Peking for Kiangsu to direct military movements.

## HANKOW AGREEMENT. STATEMENT IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH PEKING OVER SEANGHAI.

THANKS SENT TO SIR MILES LAMPSON AND MR. O'MALLEY.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

In the House of Commons on Monday afternoon, Sir Austen Chamberlain announced that the Hankow Agreement had been signed and read the text of the agreement and the letters exchanged between Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Eugene Chen.

The agreement and these letters were published in the Daily Press on Tuesday.

In the statement of Nationalist policy circulated by the Hong Kong Authorities the concluding paragraph read:

"The Nationalist Government has to lay it down that changes in the Status of Concessions and International Settlements wherever situated in China are of such vital and national importance that no local Nationalist Government can negotiate with the Foreign Powers concerned in respect thereof."

It was difficult to understand what was meant by a "local Nationalist Government" and the statement in the House of Commons shows that an error was made in the transmission of the message.

The sentence should have read: "The Nationalist Government has to lay it down that changes in the Status of Concessions and International Settlements wherever situated in China are of such vital importance that no local or other Chinese authorities save and except the Nationalist Government can negotiate with Foreign Powers concerned in respect thereof."

This, of course, makes it plain that the Nationalists are repudiating the authority of Peking.

Sir Austen Chamberlain stated that Mr. O'Malley took note of Mr. Chen's declaration but at the same time declared that His Majesty's Government would not bind themselves to refuse to enter into negotiations with Chinese officials at any part of China with regard to matters arising in areas where such officials were actually exercising de facto authority.

Shanghai Defence Force.

Continuing, Sir Austen Chamberlain stated that Mr. Chen had also declared that the Nationalist Government took note of the statement made by himself in the House of Commons on February 10th, regarding the modification of the original plan for (Shanghai) which now made it possible to proceed to the conclusion and signing of the agreement relative to the British Concession at Hankow.

The Nationalist Government, however, protested against the landing and trespass of any British troops in the International Settlement at Shanghai.

Further the Nationalist Government stated that the arrangements made respecting the status of the area hitherto known as the British Concession at Hankow were not intended to be a precedent for the settlement of the future status of any British Concession elsewhere in China.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said he had instructed Mr. O'Malley to make clear to Mr. Chen in the course of these negotiations that the British Government must reserve their full right to dispose of their troops, as might be necessary for protection of British lives in China.

Mr. Clynes and Mr. Lloyd George, on behalf of the Labour and Liberal Parties, congratulated the Foreign Secretary on the signing of the Agreement.

Negotiations with Peking.

Mr. Lloyd George asked whether negotiations were pending with the Peking Government, or whatever Government was in authority at Shanghai, in respect of the Concession there.

Sir A. Chamberlain replied that negotiations were pending with the Peking Government. Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister, had made the same declaration to them as was made to Mr. Chen.

At the same time His Majesty's Government were ready and must reserve their right to negotiate with de facto authorities in any part of China. As regarded Shanghai they could not deal with that as they belonged to us and us alone. Shanghai was an International Settlement and its future could only be settled by agreement with other nations who had equal interests with us.

Questioned by Mr. H. W. Looker regarding the Kiukiang settlement Sir Austen Chamberlain said this followed the line of settlement arranged at Hankow.

In conclusion, Sir Austen Chamberlain said he had sent a message both to Sir Miles Lampson and Mr. O'Malley expressing his thanks at the ability with which they had conducted negotiations, and had renewed his confidence and that of the Government in them.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

The Hankow Concession.

Replying to Sir C. Kinloch-Cooke, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the question as to when it was safe for British nationals, particularly British women, to return to Hankow must be left to those on the spot, but, frankly, he would deprecate undue haste in returning to conditions which might still be unsettled until time had been given to this arrangement to prove itself, and until security was fairly established.

Peking Government and Surtaxes.

Replying to Sir Archibald Sinclair, Sir Austen Chamberlain said he had no definite information yet with regard to what arrangements the Peking Government would make for the collection of the surtaxes, but he understood that the Southern Government dispute the right of the Peking Government to exercise the authority belonging to a Central Government. He had no knowledge of any interference with the Customs on the part of the Canton Government.

Taxation.

Replying to Mr. H. W. Looker, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that under the proposals which His Majesty's Government recently made to the Chinese authorities, British subjects in China would be liable to pay such regular legal Chinese taxes not involving discrimination against British subjects or British goods as in fact were imposed and paid by Chinese citizens throughout China. It would obviously be undesirable, in view of the fact that these proposals were intended to form the subject of negotiations with the Chinese authorities to discuss the details of their eventual application by way of question and answer in the House.

Wide Publicity Wanted.

Replying to a further question, Sir Austen Chamberlain emphasized that Chinese translation of the British Memorandum of December 18th and the Treaty revision proposals were distributed in China as wide as possible.

Mr. Looker suggested that the Cabinet resolution on policy in China recently read by the Premier, should also be translated and published, but Sir Austen Chamberlain was of opinion that it was better to leave the decision of these matters to the British authorities on the spot, and added that his answer had shown that they were to the necessity of making the policy of His Majesty's Government as widely known as possible.

Further Questions.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Herbert Williams, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the Government's aim was to negotiate treaties with China on a basis which would lead ultimately to complete equality and reciprocity.

Replying to Mr. Garro-Jones, Sir Austen Chamberlain stated that as far as he knew no countries which were parties to the Chinese Arms Agreement of May, 1919, were supplying arms to the Cantonese forces. They were supplied by a force which had not signed the Convention.

Replying to Mr. Trevelyan, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that in view of subsequent events and the present situation, he had come to the conclusion that it was not desirable to lay down the papers with regard to the Wanchien incident at present. (Conservative cheers and ironic Labour cheers.)

A Labour Party Suggestion.

London, February 22nd. Mr. E. Thurtle (Labour) asked the Government to consider the possibility, in view of the critical situation at Shanghai, of suggesting to other foreign Governments that they appoint persons with plenary powers to consider with the British representative there what steps might be taken in the event of certain emergencies arising.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied: "I think the less said about eventualities, which I hope will not arise, the better." (Cheers.)

Kuomintang in Malaya.

London, February 22nd. Replying in Lieut.-Com. Kenworthy with regard to a declaration that the Kuomintang party in the Malay States was an illegal society, Mr. L. S. Amery said that the policy of the Malayan Government, in which they were fully supported by His Majesty's Government, was to refuse registration to all foreign political societies, and the Kuomintang came within that category.

Replying to Mr. H. W. Looker, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the new municipal administration of the British Concession at Kiukiang would be similar in character to the proposed new administration of the British Concession at Hankow.

Mr. Looker asked if the agreement at Hankow fully protected the rights of private property and the future position of the old staffs of the Municipal Concession.

Sir Austen Chamberlain asked for notice of that.

Shanghai Protection.

The Labour member, Mr. Bennie Smith, asked whether the arrangement proposed at Hankow would be sufficiently protected in any circumstances that might arise. Sir Austen Chamberlain said that if Sir Kinloch-Cooke made in any circumstances which were considered to be within the bounds of possibility, the answer was in the affirmative.

(Continued on next Column.)

## H.M.S. "RENOWN" REACHES AUCKLAND.

NEW ZEALANDERS GIVE ROYAL PARTY GREAT RECEPTION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

AUCKLAND, February 22nd.

H.M.S. Renown, with the Duke and Duchess of York aboard, triumphantly entered the harbour amid crashes of saluting guns. Hundreds of sailing yachts and motor launches, were filled with cheering human beings, despite a terrific rainstorm.

The enthusiastic crowds broke the police cordon as their Royal Highnesses drove through the streets, visiting various centres, after an address of welcome had been read by the Prime Minister, Mr. Coates, in the Town Hall.

## BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA.

A "NOTE OF PROTEST."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, February 22nd.

It is learned that Government action regarding Communist propaganda will probably take place and in the form of a Note of Protest, the terms of which will be discussed at the next Cabinet meeting, though the degree of severity will probably be a matter for debate for some time.

## NAVAL LIMITATION.

ITALY DECLINES PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S INVITATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ROME, February 21st.

The Italian Note to the United States regretfully declines President Coolidge's invitation to a disarmament conference, and emphasises that as regards the European continent there exists an undeniable inter-dependence between every kind of armament and every single Power for which it is impossible to adopt measures of a partial nature between only five great naval Powers. The Note expresses the opinion that the limitation of armaments should be based on general principles, and points out that the example shown at Washington was not followed by the minor naval Powers.

Finally, Italy cannot, without grave risks, expose herself to the limitation of naval armaments which are already insufficient for her defensive needs.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

The Argentine's Attitude.

Buenos Aires, Feb. 22nd. The Argentine Government has decided not to attend President Coolidge's Disarmament Conference, but to await the results of the Geneva Disarmament Conference.

FLYING ACROSS THE SOUTH ATLANTIC.

DE PINEDO'S 2000 MILES' FLIGHT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 21st.

A message from St. Vincent, Cape Verde, says that the Marquis de Pinedo left Fort Praia at eleven o'clock last night for Porto Sao Martinho, Brazil.

M. Larra Bordes.

London, Feb. 21st. A message from Alicante, in the south of Spain, says that the Uruguayan aviator, M. Larra Bordes has arrived there.

BELGIUM AND CHINA.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PEKING EXPLAINED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRUSSELS, Feb. 21st.

On the occasion of the departure to China of Baron Guillaume, Secretary to the Belgian Embassy in London, who is going to rejoin the legation in Peking, the Foreign Ministry summoned the representatives of the principal Belgian groups interested in China, to whom was explained the instructions it was proposed to give to the Minister in Peking, which all approved.

Hankow concession with which we had been dealing was purely British.

Replying to Sir C. Kinloch-Cooke as to whether he was satisfied that the lives and property of British nationals in Shanghai were sufficiently protected in any circumstances that might arise, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that if Sir Kinloch-Cooke made in any circumstances which were considered to be within the bounds of possibility, the answer was in the affirmative.

## TIENTSIN AND BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S CONCESSIONS PROPOSALS.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL UNPERTURBED.

WHERE CHINESE AND BRITISH ARE CO-OPERATING.

CHAIRMAN'S WARNING AGAINST ALARMIST TALK.

In view of the pronouncements by Sir Austen Chamberlain on the future status of Concessions and of the signing of the Hankow agreement the following report, in the Peking and Tientsin Times, of a meeting of the Tientsin ratepayers and the attitude they adopted towards the proposals is of particular interest. The Council and the British residents view the future without alarm, and are fully prepared to extend their present policy of abandoning such discriminations as exist between foreign and Chinese residents of the Concession.

As a special warning against alarmist talk was uttered by Mr. P. C. Young, Chairman of the Council. The meeting took place on February 11th.

An Extraordinary General meeting was held in the Gordon Hall of the Electors of the British Municipal Area.

Chinese Co-operation.

You are aware, all of you, that the British Concession was originally allotted, or acquired by the British Government by agreement with the Chinese Government as a place particularly set apart for the residence of British merchants. It was natural that with such a place the regulations in regard to it should show some discrimination in favour of British subjects and you are aware that the regulations as they now stand do discriminate against the Council, for example, according to the regulations must be disproportionately British. It has, however, been your Council's policy for some time past to remove as far as possible all disabilities resting against Chinese citizens in this area. During the past year we have had the benefit of the services on the Council of two Chinese ratepayers and their services have proved of the utmost value to the Council. It has been our hope that in the forthcoming year we might have a third Chinese councillor.

Again it has been the policy of the Council to throw open all the public parks over which it has control to the Chinese as well as to foreign ratepayers. In the matter of hospitals and schools, the Chinese ratepayers have shown themselves interested in this matter and it is our hope that arrangements may shortly be satisfactorily settled which will place precisely similar facilities at the disposal of both Chinese and foreign ratepayers in the matter of hospitals and education. We propose to go on with all these arrangements just as if there had been no announcement whatever in the newspapers of the forthcoming meeting to be able to put definite and concrete proposals before you.

Alarmist Talk Very Injurious.

One other matter I should like to say. I have heard here and there, from foreign and Chinese ratepayers, a very great deal of alarmist talk of the possible consequences which may arise from the proposals which have been put forward by His Majesty's Government. Well, I want to say to you that far from doing any good that kind of talk is liable to do the very greatest harm. There is no Chinese control, or for the transfer of police control of the Concession areas to the Chinese authorities.

The Council's Policy.

It might only be supposed that it was the duty of the Council who have elected to represent your interests in regard to all municipal matters to tender some form of advice with regard to this matter. If advice is to be tendered, it must be tendered to some authoritative person or Government. Now you are aware of the constitution of your present Council. It contains British subjects, Chinese citizens and an American citizen. Your Council feel it would be quite impossible for the Chinese citizens to put their names to a document which purported to tender advice on this matter to the British Government and equally impossible for the British members of the Council to put their names to a document purporting to tender advice to the Chinese authorities. The British members of the Council and the British community generally have felt it is perfectly proper for them to tender advice to their own Government representative, the Consul-General. That is what they propose to do. In the Council's view it rests with the Chinese ratepayers to make their own arrangements together for tendering their views to their own Government representatives and equally with any other nationality representations must be made through the proper channels.

What the Moscow Soviet Says.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Moscow, February 22nd.

Addressing the Central Executive Committee, Litvinoff said that international ex-Tsarist officials were living in London behind an anti-Soviet campaign by Britain. He asserted that the British Government invariably declined to supply concrete facts whereon their accusations were based.

Nicaragua and U.S.A.

A NEW TREATY ANNOUNCED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22nd.

It is reported that President Diaz has proposed to the State Department a new treaty for Nicaragua and the United States, the latter guaranteeing protection to Nicaragua from external attacks and internal disorders due to outside interference.

Spanish Politics.

SR. YAGUAS RESIGNATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MADRID, Feb. 21st.

It is semi-officially stated that the resignation of Senor Yaguas was due to a divergence of views with regard to the methods to be followed in the negotiations with regard to Morocco.



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# MOTORING NOTES

A Weekly Review dealing with matters of interest to all local motorists.

Driving when it rains—Taxi-cabs—The upkeep of Roads in China—The Steam Car—Motor Cycle Speeds.

[BY AN OWNER-DRIVER.]

## DRIVING WHEN IT RAINS.

The motorist who has once experienced the unpleasant feeling of being at the wheel when the car begins to skid will drive carefully during wet weather. Nowadays it is much easier to drive in the rain than it used to be. Screen wipers enable the driver to see what is ahead fairly well. Every car should be fitted with a screen wiper. Especially useful are these devices at this time of year in Hong Kong. If you have not fitted one, "do it now" before you have cause to regret the omission.

### KEEP COOL.

At the first sign of any tendency to skid close the throttle. Apply the brakes very gradually for a sudden jamming of brakes locks the wheels and then the car begins to slide as if it were on ice.

If the brakes are on—as usually happens—when the skidding begins take them off at once. Then apply them gradually. Taking out the clutch is not necessary if the throttle is closed as soon as there is any sign of a skid. Usually the first instinct is to take out the clutch.

Always steer into a skid; never steer out of it though of course you have to steer clear of obstacles. Covering at a high speed tends to produce a skid. On a right hand corner steer as always into the skid, that is to the left. Never steer to the right if the back of the car is swinging round to the left. Steer to the left. Racing experts become so clever at manipulating their cars that they often cause them to skid purposely so as to avoid a collision or to get round a corner easily.

### PRACTICE.

It is often suggested that drivers should practice the art of getting out of a trouble by making the car skid purposely. If you are of an adventurous turn of mind, by all means take such practice—on a wide road clear of traffic. Otherwise it is best to avoid any possibility of trouble by proceeding at a slow rate in wet weather.

Carelessness is often the cause of a skid. The writer made a practice of always changing down into low gear when coming down a hill near to his house, if there was any rain. One day, after a very good tiffin, he drove home and carried on a great argument with the passenger alongside. He quite forgot to change down and a car just in front suddenly slowed down. The writer jammed on the brakes—only rear wheel brakes—on his own car. The car whirled round and by steering into the skid the car would have gone into the car in front. The only thing to be done was to take the wall which was at the right.

It was a lesson which cost dear but the moral of the story is obvious. A very serious accident can occur if the driver of a car does not concentrate on what he is doing. When in fear of a skid always change down to a lower gear so as to be on the safe side.

### TAXI-CABS.

No city is really civilised unless it has a taxi service.

When that type of public vehicle was introduced to Hong Kong many people doubted whether it would be popular but experience has shown that the Chinese take as kindly to taxis as to any other type of motor vehicle. Experience has also demonstrated that local conditions are very different to those

which obtain in London or other English cities. There are, first of all, the racial characteristics of the driver. Mr. T. Z. Koo, an earnest missionary with ideas about human nature rather more exalted than those common on the Rialto, once stated in Hong Kong that it was a mistake to think about racial types.

In practical work, however, it is impossible to ignore certain self-evident characteristics. If you do ignore them you usually lose money. One characteristic of the Chinese race is a sublime disregard of the future, but in dealing with machinery you disregard the future at your peril.

If any political party in China is looking for a motto to emblazon on a national banner, it might do a "good turn to the Chinese people" if it adopted "a skid in time saves nine," another way of expressing the same sentiment is to say that, with machinery, a dollar spent as soon as necessary saves a hundred dollars later on. The Chinese owner of machinery and the Chinese mechanic or driver say in effect, "Maskee," if there is any danger signal such as an unusual noise "in the works."

When a taxicab shows any sign of distress it should be at once overhauled by an expert, and all necessary repairs carried out before the machine is put back into service. Nothing is more exasperating to a fare than to have a breakdown half way up a hill and perhaps a recent experience may excuse the airing of a public grievance.

### OVERLOADING.

There is a local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. There is no local Society for the prevention of cruelty to motor-cars. The way in which the local taxis are overloaded is indeed very cruel to the mechanism. Under the law of equity those who overload the machine should pay for the "fun of it."

The current belief is that any taxi driver will carry as many people as can crowd into the vehicle at just the same fare as is charged for one person.

### PIRATE CARS.

One wonders what happens to the machines that break down altogether. Do they find their way up to Canton?

The City of Rams is said to absorb all of the really broken down motor-cars that the police refuse to license in Hong Kong. There is something to be said in favour of pirate cars. They are usually more powerfully engined than are the local taxis. They are, unfortunately, not always reliable, all of which goes to prove how essential it is for the reader to own a car.

## THE UPKEEP OF ROADS IN CHINA.

We are all patiently waiting for China to "settle down" to that long hoped for period of peace and prosperity. We are consoled by the thought that it is usually the unexpected that happens in China.

We wish that the Washington surtaxes had been earmarked for the construction of roads. In India they are tackling the problem for it is at last realised that roads are of vital importance. The old bullock cart is disappearing and being replaced by the more efficient motor vehicle. There is an enormous market for cars in India and Asia

is the Continent that should be the holiday ground of the motorist in fifty years' time. Meanwhile let us all hasten the day when there shall be good roads in China. Propaganda in favour of roads is what is needed in South and North China. For good roads would unify China quicker than all the nostrums of politicians.

### A ROAD FUND.

In India some of the business men who are interested in transport work have voluntarily got together a small road fund. They have levied a sort of tax and the money is to be spent on making new roads. They no doubt expect to benefit by additional sales. The trouble in China is in the administration of such a fund. As Mr. Rockefeller made most of his money out of petrol he might devote a few millions to making roads in China.

### STRAIGHT ROADS.

For some curious reason he seems to have a great affection for the country, and he has already spent millions of dollars on medical work here. Perhaps he does not really know that roads are urgently needed in this land that has few motor cars.

Hong Kong has roads that provide an object lesson to the rest of the Far East. If there ever is a dictator in China he may follow the example of the great French dictator, Napoleon, who sent for a map of France, drew a number of lines with a ruler across the map and then said to his engineers, "Build roads where the lines are shown." They tried to explain that it was less difficult to make roads go round hills than over them. Napoleon got quite angry. "Build the roads," he said.

That is why the roads in France are so straight.

### BE CAREFUL.

It has been suggested that, as a result of the influx of motor transport lorries and armoured cars the roads of the Colony will suffer during the next few weeks and in passing let me say that motorists in the New Territories will be well advised to be very cautious when driving along the roads to and from Fanling.

Many of us will be greatly interested in the cars and other mechanical appliances that will come out with the troops. It would be not altogether surprising if the tractors give an object lesson in the efficient movement of goods that will remain in the minds of many local Chinese.

### THE STEAM CAR.

There are many motorists who have driven a steam car and who vastly prefer the "feel" of the machine to that of any internal combustion engine. When steam is used there is no need for any change speed gear. The steam engine will easily reverse and it will run equally well at a very few number of revolutions as easily as at a much higher speed.

### NEW EXPERIMENTS.

It almost seems as if steam is to enter on a new lease of popularity and it may influence the design of steam cars. Bradford Corporation have given an important lead in the matter of the use of high pressure steam and a high pressure steam plant, using steam at 1,000 pounds per square inch is being installed. The English Electric Company has secured the contract for £200,000 worth of boiler, steam turbine and electrical plant. The boiler is to have a water cooled combustion chamber. An air heater

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## IN FIFTEEN YEARS.

In the year 1909 W. E. Cook had the record speed for that class of Solo machine—73.92 miles per hour. From that year onwards there was a steady increase in speed which seems to have gone up, roughly, in steps of about 2 to 3 miles per hour each year.

### PROOF OF POWER.

The most astonishing figures, however, are those for the Solo machines of the class above 250 C.C. and up to 350 C.C. capacity. In 1909 G. L. Fletcher had the record with a figure of 43.99 miles per hour. In 1926 W. D. Marchant, on a Chater-Lea machine, attained a speed of 102.99 miles per hour.

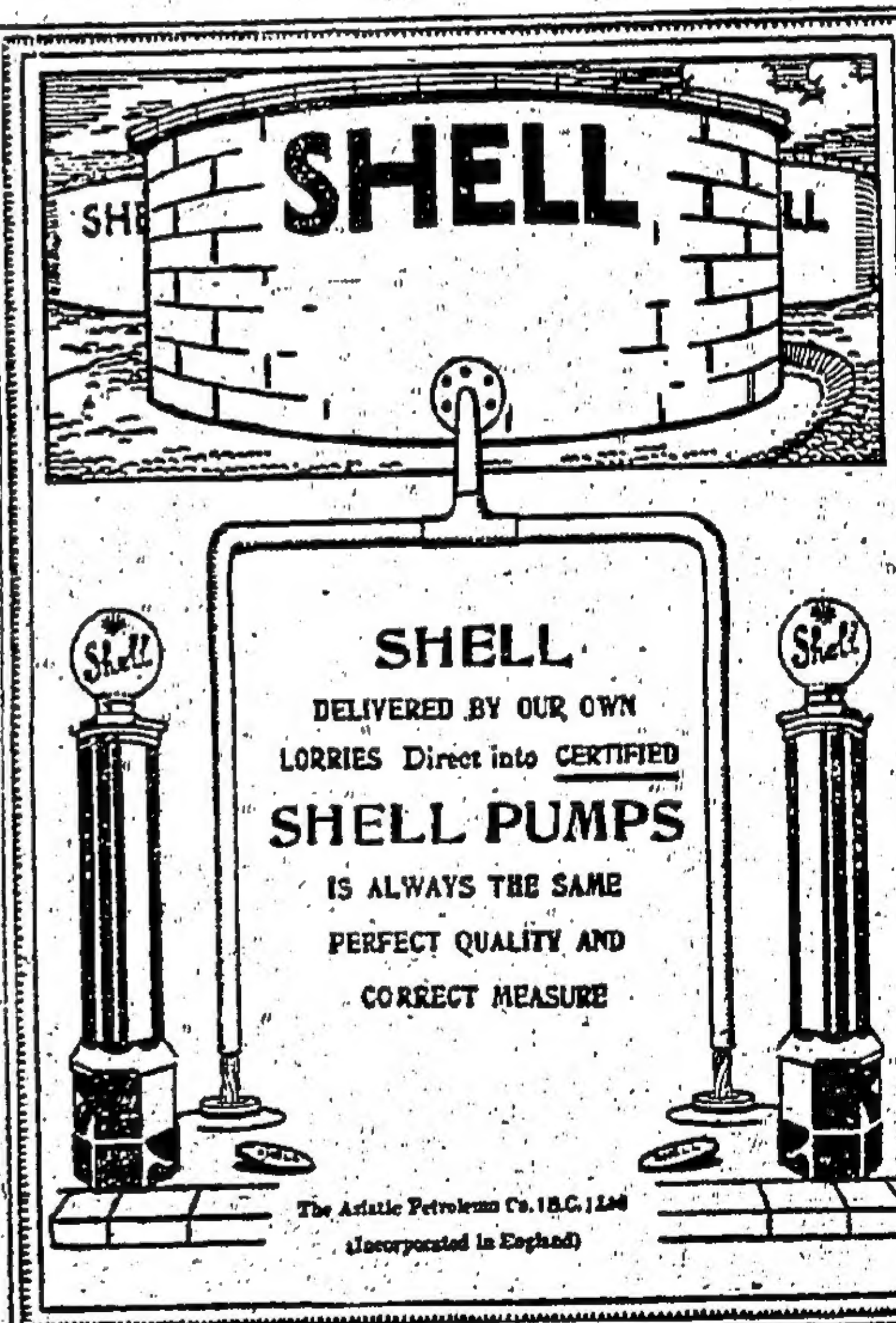
That is to say an engine of a certain stroke and bore of cylinder that in 1909 could drive a motor bicycle along at about 46 miles an hour, developed, ever so much less power than a 1924 engine of the same stroke and cylinder diameter. The wind resistance is not at all proportional to the power required to overcome it and it is probable that three or four times the horsepower is required to drive a motor-bike at 100 miles per hour than to drive it at 50 miles per hour.

Why is it possible to reach such speeds to-day and not in 1909? First of all it is due to the great improvements in the materials used. Secondly, the knowledge about vibrations and balancing has so greatly increased. In 1926 the Solo up to 75 C.C. capacity record was 34.95 miles per hour. In 1926 the record for that size of engine was 47.14. It almost makes one believe that soon 75 C.C. will be big enough for any reasonable rider.

## MOTOR-CYCLE SPEEDS.

It is of great interest to compare the official records of, say nearly twenty years, with those of day in anything that is connected with motoring. At the time when the Sunbeam managers seem determined ("maskee" the cost) to beat all speed records by producing a car that will attain a speed of 220 miles an hour, it may amuse readers to read of what motor-cycles have done.

In 1926 C. F. Temple exceeded two miles a minute on a Solo machine in the class up to 1,000 C.C. In 1924 H. Le Vack almost reached two miles a minute on a Brough Superior. His actual speed was 119.05 miles per hour.



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## GOLF.

## ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

## BOGEY POOL.

There were 41 entries for the Bogey Pool at Fanling on February 19th-21st.

The results were A. B. Roworth and Capt. H. F. Bloxham, 1 down; A. E. Wood and A. C. I. Bowker were 3 down.

## CRICKET.

## C.S.C.C. 1st TEAM v. K.O.S.B.'s.

On the O.S.C.C. ground at 2 p.m. to-day. League Match:

C.S.C.C.—B. D. Evans (capt.), G. R. Sayer, F. J. de Borne, E. C. Fincher, F. Baker, R. C. Wicheil, A. E. Wood, E. W. Hamilton, F. E. Lawrence, F. J. Ling, and F. H. Holdman.

## HOCKEY.

## HONG KONG H.C. 1st XI. v. SUBMARINES.

This game will be played to-day at 5 p.m. sharp on the U.S.R.C. ground.

H.K.H.C.—S. H. Garrod, J. Wedlake, D. Lyon, A. A. Dand, E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), Major J. P. S. Greig, G. B. Slipp, F. G. L. Wheeler, W. Woodward, G. R. Vallack, and G. P. Lammert.

## HOME FOOTBALL.

## ENGLISH CUP: 6th ROUND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

The draw for the sixth round of the Football Association Cup Competition was made on Monday, resulting as follows:

Chelsea v. Cardiff.  
Arsenal v. Wolves.  
South Shields v. Swansea v. Reading.  
Millwall v. Southampton.  
Matches to be played on March 5th.

The most remarkable feature of the draw is the fact that the three remaining London clubs are all drawn at home, while the fourth match appears likely to be played at Swansea.

## English First Div. League.

London, Feb. 21st.  
In the First Division of the English League to-day Cardiff City defeated West Bromwich Albion at Birmingham by two goals to one.

## HOME CRICKET.

## SUGGESTED CHANGE IN COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Feb. 21st.  
A meeting of the Advisory County Cricket Committee held at Lords, has decided to recommend to the Marylebone Cricket Club the following system of points for County Championship matches:—Eight points for a win in a completed match; should a match be uncompleted then five points to the side leading on the first innings and three to their opponents. In the event of a tie or no result on the first innings four points be given to each side, provided in the second case that not less than six hours actual play had taken place. When less than six hours actual match not to count in the Championship, provided that no result therein was obtained. The scoring by percentage to be as previously.

## SOLICITOR WHO DID NOT KNOW CLIENT.

## CASE ADJOURNED FOR HIM TO FIND OUT.

Instructed to defend one of the two women in connection with an opium case, Mr. F. H. Losely, told the Magistrate, Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, that he did not know which of the two women charged was his client.

"I understand it is the younger of the two," he finally stated.

His Worship: Looking at them, can you state which of the two is younger?

His Worship looked up the charge sheets, and after a pause announced: One is 47 and the other is 35 years of age.

Mr. Losely applied for a short remand, expressing his conviction that by the time the case came up again, he would be instructed in the matter of identification.

His Worship: Yes, we'll leave it until Thursday. Perhaps you may be defending both.

Bail fixed in the case was \$700 and \$1,200 respectively.

## S.S. "MINNESOTA" DUE TO-DAY.

The s.s. *Minnesota*, with the Base Commandant, Col. H. de C. Martelli, D.S.O., his staff, and 1,000 marines aboard, is expected here at noon to-day.

We are informed that she will only stay here for two or three hours and then proceed to Shanghai.

## THEFTS AT THE A.P.C.'S BUILDING.

## A CLEVER FORGER.

## TO TAKE HIS TRIAL AT THE NEXT SESSIONS.

Charged on several counts of larceny and forgery, Dick Chan, aged 10, formerly in the employ of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., as a filing clerk, appeared before Major C. Wilson at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Detective Sergeant A. V. Baker prosecuted on behalf of the Police and the accused was not represented.

Mr. W. A. Butterfield, Superintendent Engineer of the A.P.C., stated in evidence that when he arrived at his office at about 9 a.m. on February 10th, he saw that the side of his desk had been prised open.

On investigating he found that one of the drawers had been rifled and that an automatic pistol had been taken from its holster.

Witness also missed his cheque book and telephoned to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank informing them of the loss. The Police were sent for and when Det.-Sgt. Baker arrived there, witness told him that he suspected his discharged clerk, Dick Chan.

About an hour later, witness received a telephonic message from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank to the effect that a man had presented a cheque purporting to have been signed by witness and made out to the order of "Mr. Brown" for \$300.

Witness proceeded to the Bank where he recognised the detained man as his discharged clerk.

Replying to Sgt. Baker witness said that he had also lost three 10-pesos notes and that the testimonial bearing his name which was found in defendant's possession was not given by him, and that the signature on the testimonial was a forgery.

Mr. L. M. Snape Lloyd, an Assistant in the A.P.C., said that when he arrived at the office that morning he heard that a typewriter had been stolen, and when he looked into his desk, he discovered the loss of his silver cigarette case, a silver cigar-cutter, a silver wrist watch and chain. Witness recognised the cigarette case and cigar-cutter in Court, which were recovered from the defendant.

In reply to the Court, witness said that the drawer of his desk must have been opened with a key. The lock was a common one and almost any key would fit.

Another victim, Miss D. L. Gatty, also in the employ of the same Company testified to the loss of a cheque for \$15 which she had made out in favour of Dr. Burton and left in the drawer. She also lost one blank cheque, on which the accused very cleverly forged her name writing it out for \$50 payable to Dr. Burton or bearer, and successfully cashing it.

Mr. N. H. Proctor, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, said that after he had received the message from Mr. Butterfield, a cheque for \$300 was sent in for his initial and when he saw that it bore the signature of Mr. Butterfield, he went out to see the man who had presented the cheque. The defendant on seeing the witness coming out from the counter became startled and when questioned by Mr. Proctor, denied handing in the cheque for payment. Witness then handed him in charge of the Bank's detective and telephoned for Mr. Butterfield and the Police.

Questioned by the Court as to the forgery on Miss Gatty's cheque witness admitted that the forgery was an extraordinary clever one.

Giving evidence of arrest, Det.-Sgt. Baker said that he went to defendant's house, but found him out. He made a search of his belongings and found a pawn ticket for a silver cigarette case which was pledged for \$5. He also found several other pawn tickets, one testimonial and Miss Gatty's cheque for \$15, which defendant could not cash as it was crossed. The defendant when arrested pleaded guilty to all charges and took witness to a filing cabinet in the premises of the Asiatic Petroleum Co. where the pistol and a few cartridges were found.

The defendant was committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

## ANOTHER FLOATING UNIVERSITY.

## THE CUNARD LINER "AURANIA."

The "University Advertiser" which sailed from New York last September on the s.s. *Dynamos* for a round-the-world cruise, and which visited Hong Kong a few months ago has proved so successful that it will be repeated on a larger scale in the autumn.

The Cunard liner *Aurania* will be used, leaving New York on September 21st, and returning in May, 1928, after visiting twenty-seven countries. The *Aurania* is a modern oil burning steamer built in 1924 and equipped with all the latest conveniences, including forced draft ventilation. The plan is to make stops of longer duration in several of the important countries in the Far East, and also in Berlin, Vienna, and Paris.

## STEEL CARGO LIGHTER.

## FIRST OF THREE LAUNCHED AT SHANGHAI.

## FOR SERVICE IN NORTH CHINA.

From the shipbuilding yard of the New Engineering and Shipbuilding Works, Ltd., Shanghai, last Friday the first of three large steel lighters of special design under construction to the order of the Taku Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd., Tientsin, was successfully launched by Mrs. Colin H. Rutherford.

The *Asahan* is a steel cargo lighter, 170ft. long, 35ft. in breadth and 10ft. 6in. depth moulded, and is designed to carry 650 tons on a draught of 8ft. The lighter is of particularly strong construction to withstand the rigorous conditions of her service at the Taku bar and has two large cargo holds each served by a five ton steam winch and steel derrick, steam being generated by a Cochran boiler placed amidships.

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## TWO INTERESTING FILMS.

## "THE MYSTIC" AT THE QUEEN'S.

## LIONS AND BEAUTIES AT THE STAR.

It has been a tradition on the part of many stage managers to cater for a special audience by running plays of the same type. Sir George Alexander was always debonair and Sir Herbert Tree was always—Sir Herbert! This method may have its merits, but films producers think otherwise.

possibly because the films are generally a more rapidly changing entertainment. Whereas a stage play runs in London at the same theatre for months, a film apart from a few very rare exceptions is only a matter of days, which means that one sees a far larger number of screen plays and if the productions of each studio were much on the same lines one would say—"Another Metro-Goldwyn—I shan't go, I saw one last week."

King Vidor who produces for that company has seen this clearly and, although nearly all the Metro-Goldwyn plays are marked by dramatic force and an undercurrent of serious thought, there is plenty of variety in theme and treatment, and he has, besides, won the enthusiastic approval of the authors of many of the novels which have been screened under his direction.

You have an opportunity to judge this for yourself, to-morrow. It is difficult to advise you which theatre to go to: At the Star there is "The Devil's Circus" at the Queen's "The Mystic" both fine pictures.

This column is not the place to discuss the vexed question of physical research, but "The Mystic" offers food for thought. We are shown how faked spirit manifestations are produced; and how clever acting can so impose upon people that they not only trust the tricksters implicitly but are so emotionally unstrung that they produce very odd phenomena themselves.

There are scenes of real beauty in "The Mystic" and from start to finish the story holds one's closest attention. It would spoil your enjoyment of it to tell the story. As Zarra, the egyptian medium, Aileen Frieg is at her best, her Hungarian peasant costume and the magnificent dresses she wears later in the play suit her grave beauty, and the story gives ample scope to her dramatic powers.

"The Devil's Circus" is a story on very different lines and "Norma Shearer" a beauty of another type. Although there is much that is tragic about the tale, there is clever comedy and some novel points of interest and through "Sand and Blood" it draws to a happy ending. The 100 beauties in their lovely if scanty garments make a magnificent scene, and the trapeze display and lion act give one as big a thrill as if one were in the audience.

dozen lions, all fine looking specimens. One of them gave Norma Shearer a friendly "kiss" while she was working at this play, but she didn't encourage him to do it again: Pluto's tongue is about 50 times as rough as a cat's and it didn't feel nice!

Mr. Neill McKay Heath, former American Attorney in Shanghai, was arrested in Honolulu on February 4th, on a technical charge of bribery states the *Shanghai Times*.

An information was filed and a warrant issued for the arrest of Mr. Heath on January 25th, charging bribery," Dr. Sellett, United States District Attorney for China declared. "Mr. Heath is charged with procuring Mr. A. M. Tracey Woodward to pay a bribe to Mr. Leonard Goodwin Husar, then U.S. District Attorney for China."

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Mr. Heath although he was member of the Bar at Shanghai for more than two years, did not appear in any important cases in the American Court, it was stated. Mr. Heath hails from the State of Georgia, and is evidenced by his slow Southern manner of speech.

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A collection of hairpins, most of which have caused the deaths of animals, which swallowed them, is to be seen in the museum attached to the Royal Veterinary College, which is making a \$50,000 rebuilding appeal to the public.

Scores of hairpins were dropped wherever women congregated in the country districts, such as at picnics, and they were also occasionally dropped by dairy maids, a reporter was told. "The cow pins were practically doomed to death. Scores upon scores of cases have been traced to hairpins."

Since bobbed and shingled hair has become the fashion such misadventures have practically ceased. The new fashion is annually saving the lives of thousands of animals.

## THE "SUNNING" PIRACY.

## PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE LAST TWO SUSPECTS.

## NAVAL OFFICERS' EVIDENCE.

Further evidence was taken yesterday, by Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Police Court in the case against the remaining two Chinese charged with being concerned in the piracy of the s.s. *Sunning* on November 15th.

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CLIVERLY CONCEALED WEAPONS.

## "SELF-PROTECTION" PLEA NOT ACCEPTED.

## HEAVY FINE IMPOSED.

Appearing before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy, yesterday morning, a young and well-educated Chinese passenger arriving from America by the s.s. *President Jefferson*, pleaded "not guilty" to a charge of unlawful possession of a rifle, two Sugar pistols, a dagger and about 500 rounds of ammunition.

Sgt. Barnicle, in applying for the imposition of a heavy fine, stated that the defendant, when questioned, denied that he had any arms in his possession. The arms, however, were found in the false bottom of defendant's trunk.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ, defending, pleaded that the defendant, who was educated in America, was merely trying to escape the attention of the authorities to avoid the delay in getting permission. He wanted the arms for self-protection and took the risk of evading the police.

A fine of \$500, or six months' hard labour, was imposed.

FORMER SHANGHAI ATTORNEY ARRESTED.

## CHARGE OF BRIBERY LODGED AGAINST HIM.

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Mr. Heath although he was member of the Bar at Shanghai for more than two years, did not appear in any important cases in the American Court, it was stated. Mr. Heath hails from the State of Georgia, and is evidenced by his slow Southern manner of speech.

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Hong Kong, 23rd February, 1927. [4595]

A collection of hairpins, most of which have caused the deaths of animals, which swallowed them, is to be seen in the museum attached to the Royal Veterinary College, which is making a \$50,000 rebuilding appeal to the public.

Scores of hairpins were dropped wherever women congregated in the country districts, such as at picnics, and they were also occasionally dropped by dairy maids, a reporter was told. "The cow pins were practically doomed to death. Scores upon scores of cases have been traced to hairpins."

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All broken, damaged and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they are to be examined on any Tuesday or Friday, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THE BANK LINE, LTD., General Agents.

Hong Kong, 22nd February, 1927. [4593]

## NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

## THE STEAMSHIP "TRIER"

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Anderson & Aikie, at 10 a.m., on the 25th of February, 1927.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown and all Claims must be presented within Two Weeks of the Ship's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognised.

Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for countersignature.

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.  
NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.  
Hong Kong, 22nd February, 1927. [4594]

## SERVICE CONTRACTS DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

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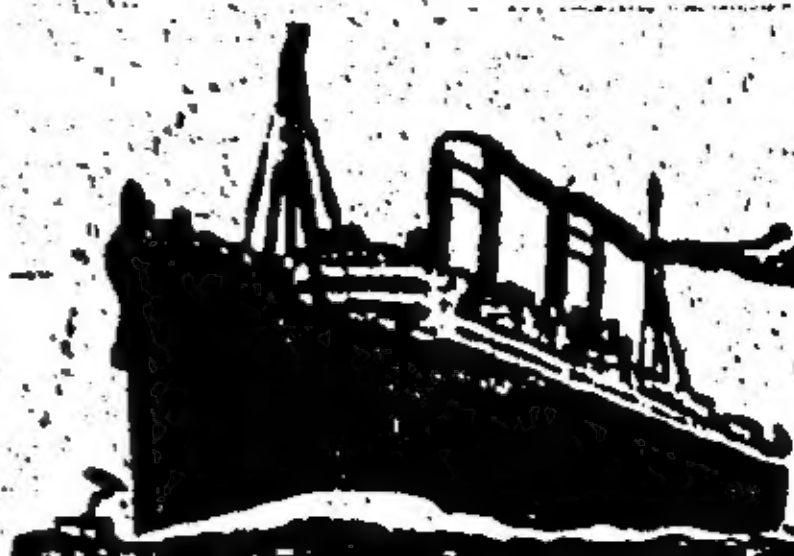
All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Friday, the 25th instant, or they will not be recognised.

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Hong Kong, 16th February, 1927. [4592]

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s.s. "COBLENZ"	4th May, "	28th May, "
s.s. "FULDA"	31st May, "	25th June, "
s.s. "TRIER"	28th June, "	23rd July, "

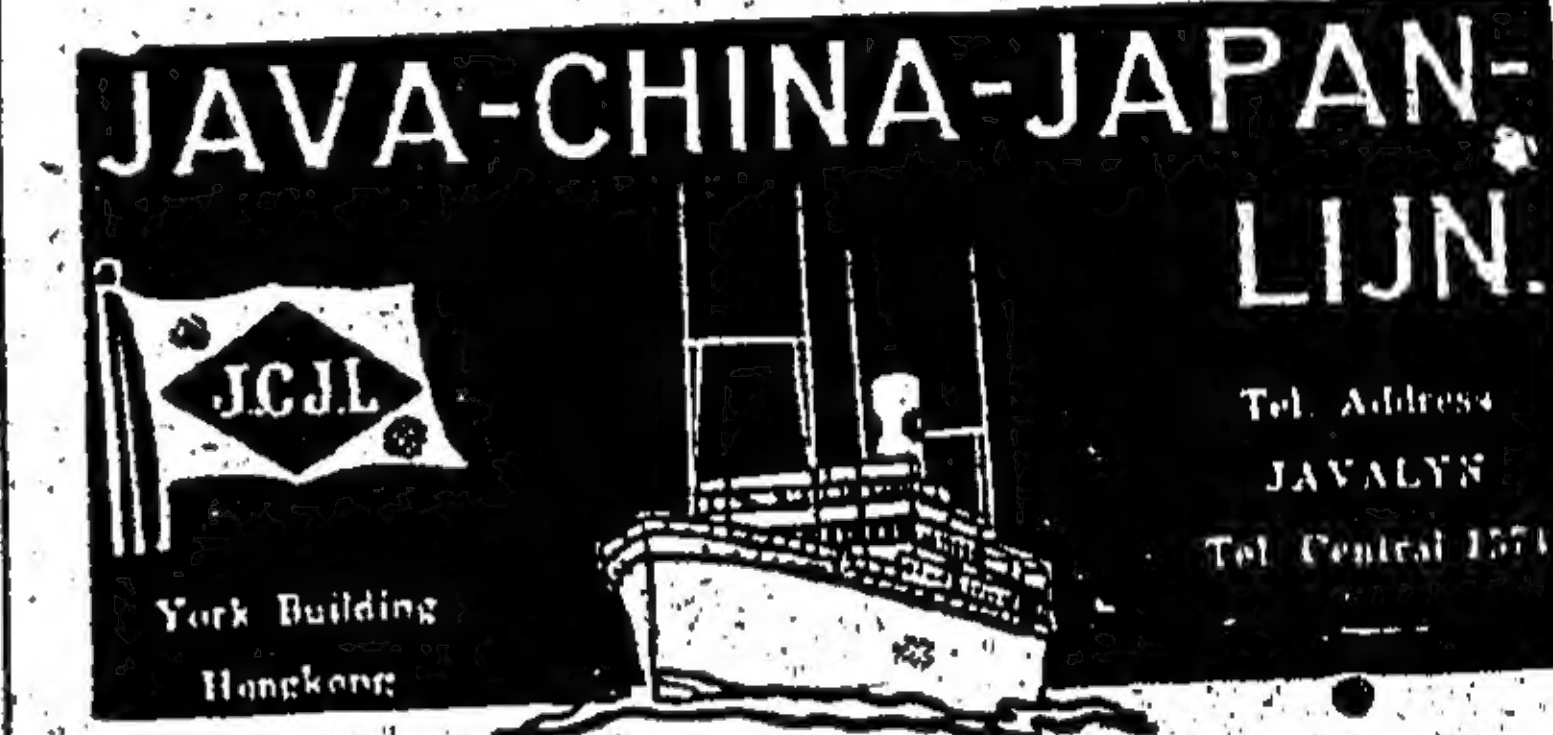
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TJIPONDOK	JAVA	1st Mar.	2nd Mar.	BATAVIA
TJISALAK	JAVA, MACASSAR	1st "	3rd "	S'PAAL, N. CHINA
TJIKINI	NORTH CHINA	2nd "	4th "	BATAVIA
TJISAROE	SHANGHAI	7th "	10th "	BATAVIA
TJIKEMBANG	BATAVIA	13th "	15th "	SHANGHAI
TJIKAREM	JAVA, MACASSAR	16th "	17th "	AMOI, S'PAAL & MAXARAB & SHANGHAI
TJIKAROEK	NORTH CHINA	15th "	18th "	MAXARAB & SHANGHAI
TJIKARANG	BATAVIA	27th "	31st "	SHANGHAI
TJIKEMBANG	SHANGHAI	28th "	31st "	BATAVIA
TJILBOET	JAVA, MACASSAR	29th "	31st "	AMOI, S'PAAL & SHANGHAI
TJISALAK	NORTH CHINA	29th "	1st April	BATAVIA



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HOIHOW & HAIPHONG "TEAN" ... On 24th Feb. Noon  
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN ... "KURICHOW" ... On 24th Feb. 4 p.m.  
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S.S. "PELUS"	...	Via Suez Canal	25th February.
S.S. "CITY OF BRISTOL"	...	Via Suez Canal	5th March.
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## Shipping News

Arrivals and Departures,  
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### ARRIVALS.

February 21st.

*Ikoman Maru*, Japanese str., 1,952 tons, Capt. T. Miyasawa, from Muroran, which port she left on February 11th, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. B47.—M.B.K.

*Kaitu Maru*, Japanese str., 906 tons, Capt. Y. Mishima, from Canton, lying at buoy No. B51.—M.B.K.

*Tak Hing*, Chinese str., 105 tons, Capt. Cheng Yung Fat, from Antau, with a general cargo, lying at Luon Cheong Wharf.—Fook Hoi S.S. Co.

*Times Maru*, Japanese str., 1,304 tons, Capt. T. Nakamura, from Keelung, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C33.—M.B.K.

*West Elation*, American str., 3,471 tons, Capt. L. C. Drewson, from Hongkong, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters.—Swayne Hoyt Inc.

*Yingchow*, British str., 1,216 tons, Capt. C. P. Miller, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C12.—B. & S.

February 22nd.

*City of Calcutta*, British str., 7,679 tons, Capt. B. C. Henderson, from New York via Manila, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's Wharf.—Bank Line.

*Clara Jensen*, Danish str., 1,145 tons, Capt. J. Davidson, from Bangkok, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C45.—Jensen & Co.

*Demodocus*, British str., 4,183 tons, Capt. J. L. Sproth, from Yokohama and Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A2.—B. & S.

*Kamo Maru*, Japanese str., 4,888 tons, Capt. S. Shiratori, from London and Singapore. The latter port she left on February 17th, with 913 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

*Khodung*, British str., 887 tons, Capt. E. Ranson, from Shanghai, in ballast, lying at Kowloon Bay.—A.P.C.

*Mau Sung*, British str., 2,062 tons, Capt. T. M. Mayrick, from Sandakan, with a general cargo, cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

*Kishima Maru*, Japanese str., 4,913 tons, Capt. M. Nakamura, from Nagasaki, with 288 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

*Panama Maru*, Japanese str., 3,566 tons, Capt. I. Kawasaki, from Moji, with a general cargo, lying at Youmat.—O.S.K.

*Shantung*, British str., 1,588 tons, Capt. W. T. Hodge, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B11.—B. & S.

*Soochow*, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. E. Monkman, from Canton, lying at buoy No. B13.—B. & S.

*Tonger*, Norwegian str., 1,940 tons, Capt. H. Rasmussen, from Canton, lying at Wanchai.—Dodwell & Co.

*Van Heutz*, Dutch str., 2,730 tons, Capt. J. Groothoff, from Deli and Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A30.—

### CLEARANCES.

February 22nd.

*Anking*, for Amoy.  
*Demodocus*, for Singapore.  
*Derwent*, for Amoy.  
*Gleniffer*, for Singapore.  
*Haining*, for Swatow.

*Kamo Maru*, for Shanghai.  
*Mihima Maru*, for Manila.  
*Panama Maru*, for Singapore.

*Shantung*, for Canton.  
*Sale*, for Swatow.  
*Taima*, for Singapore.

*Tonger*, for Chinwangtao.  
*Toyo Maru No. 1*, for Tientsin.  
*West Elation*, for San Francisco.

*Yanor*, for Canton.  
*Yingchow*, for Canton.  
*Yuan Yeng*, for Saigon.

### WITHIN CALL.

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong to-day—

*Empress of Asia*, *West Elation*, *Haining*, *Anking*, *Ting Sang*, *Kangyuan*, *Taima*, *Pronto*, *Ho Sang*, *Gleniffer*, *Soochow*, *Ganges Maru*, *Oregon Maru*, *Oeyton Maru*, *Shinyo Maru*, *Kamo Maru*, *Hakima Maru*.

The master of the s.s. *Tjisoreja* reports sighting a flat white disc, similar to a Sanitary Department coat, off Anamba.

When the s.s. *Huangang* arrived from Tientsin and Swatow, the master reported one Russian male stowaway discovered on board.

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### PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

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Per s.s. *Kamo Maru*, from London and Ports on February 22nd.—For Hong Kong: Mr. O. S. Colo, Mrs. H. Medina, Miss M. Sandra, Mr. G. Verza, Miss M. D. Daria, Mr. M. M. Francis, Mr. R. A. Mycock, Mr. U. Parker, Lynn, Mr. F. W. S. Roberts, and Mr. D. H. Stanger.

Per s.s. *Mihima Maru*, from Nagasaki, on February 22nd.—Miss I. Balthis, Mrs. E. Godsky, Mr. A. Godsky, Mr. W. Dorfmann, Mr. R. Slosser, and Mr. E. Alfred William.

### DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. *Shinyo Maru*, for San Francisco, on February 22nd.—Mr. G. D. McNeilly, Mrs. N. E. Duncan, Mr. D. H. Stanger, Mr. C. B. Shah, Mr. Vanthum, Mr. and Mrs. Kangyn, Mr. and Mrs. E. Brunsward, Mr. F. A. Deen, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Mowatt, Mr. H. Landis, Mr. W. Bray, Mr. W. E. Liebetran, Mr. Culbertson, Mr. F. Oda, Mrs. E. Arnold, Master G. Arnold, Master R. Arnold, Miss E. Arnold, Mrs. D. Fortyn, Mr. H. Rickard, Mr. J. Shanin, Miss S. McNoe, Mr. W. D. Ramnau, Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Waters, Mr. B. T. Capen, Miss M. Culley, Mr. S. Shopelocher, Mr. H. B. Gledhill, Major-General and Mrs. R. W. Gowan, Mr. G. Richwood, Mr. P. G. Norman, Miss R. Hitchcock, Miss I. L. W. Khint, Mrs. V. McRae, Mr. Frank Thompson, Mr. A. R. de Freitas, Mr. A. Freitas, Miss H. Freitas, Miss M. Freitas, Master J. Freitas, Miss N. Lison, William.

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Mar. 16	San Francisco	Olympic	Apr. 28	Orly-S'ampton Apr. 22
Mar. 23	Seattle	Geo. Washington	Apr. 28	Orly-S'ampton Apr. 27
Mar. 29	San Francisco	Homeric	Apr. 30	Orly-S'ampton May 6
Apr. 6	Seattle	Leviathan	Apr. 30	Orly-S'ampton May 7
Apr. 12	San Francisco	Aquitanian	May 7	Orly-S'ampton May 17
Apr. 20	Seattle	Majestic	May 14	Orly-S'ampton May 20

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PRESIDENT PIERCE	...	Wednesday, Apr. 6th, 10.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT TAFT	...	Wednesday, Apr. 20th, 10.00 a.m.
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PRESIDENT HAYES	...	Tuesday, Mar. 29th, 8.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT POLK	...	Tuesday, Apr. 12th, 8.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT ADAMS	...	Tuesday, Apr. 26th, 8.00 a.m.

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TO MANILA.

PRESIDENT WILSON	...	Mar. 1st, 6.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT LINCOLN	...	Mar. 1st, 6.00 p.m.
PRESIDENT GRANT	...	Mar. 7th, 6.00 p.m.
PRESIDENT VAN BUREN	...	Mar. 15th, 8.00 a.m.
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CANTON	...	"HOFSANG" Friday, 25th Feb., at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW	...	"HANGSANG" Friday, 25th Feb., at 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI	...	"CHAKSANG" Saturday, 26th Feb., at 3 p.m.
BANGKOK via SINGAPORE	...	"WAHSANG" Tuesday, 1st Mar., at Noon
TIENTSIN	...	"HOFSANG" Wednesday, 2nd Mar., at 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI	...	"CHEONGSHING" Thursday, 3rd Mar., at Noon
TSINGTAU via SWATOW	...	"MAUSANG" Tuesday, 8th Mar., at 1 p.m.
SHANGHAI	...	"LAISANG" Tuesday, 8th Mar., at 3 p.m.
STRAITS & CALOUTTA	...	"KUMSANG" Tuesday, 15th Mar., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via MOJI YOKO	...	"HOSANG" Thursday, 17th Mar., at 3 p.m.
HAMA & KOBE	...	"HINSANG" Saturday, 19th Mar., at Noon
STRAITS & CALOUTTA	...	"HOHSANG" Sunday, 20th Mar., at 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	...	"HOHSANG" Sunday, 20th Mar., at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN	...	"HOHSANG" Sunday, 20th Mar., at 7 a.m.

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EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Apr. 30	May 3	May 6	May 9	May 18
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPEROR OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 29
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KITANO MARU ... Saturday, 12th March, at 11 a.m.

HARUNA MARU ... Saturday, 26th March

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TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 23rd March

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TOYOHASHI MARU ... Friday, 11th March

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town,

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HAKATA MARU ... Wednesday, 23rd March

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

TOKUSHIMA MARU ... Monday, 28th Feb.

COLCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

MURORAN MARU ... Wednesday, 2nd March

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

AKI MARU ... Saturday, 18th March

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

MALACCA MARU ... Tuesday, 1st March

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SAILINGS FOR EUROPE VIA MANILA, SINGAPORE,  
COLOMBO AND PORT SAID  
M.V. "MCKENSTERLAND" ... sailing from here on or about 5th of March  
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## Shipping News

Daily Statement, Shipping Notes,  
Vessels Expected, etc.

## YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

## LOCAL IMPORTS DOWN.

## THROUGH CARGOES FAIR.

The returns made to the Harbour Office during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday showed that the imports of general merchandise into the Colony were below normal and that freight carried to ports beyond Hong Kong was fair.

The Colony's imports amounted to 6,711 tons, of which 2,930 tons were unloaded from British steamers. The best return was shown by the a.s. *Atinghai* (British) which brought 2,300 tons from Saigon.

Through cargoes amounted to 17,083 tons, of which 3,170 tons were manifested on British steamers. The a.s. *Kamo Maru* arriving here from London carried 5,042 tons and the British steamer *Demodocus* from Yokohama and Shanghai carried 1,380 tons.

During the period under review there were 16 arrivals and 21 departures. Their nationalities were: British, 4 arrivals and 4 departures; Japanese, 6 arrivals and 3 departures; Norwegian, 2 arrivals and 2 departures; Chinese, 1 arrival and 4 departures; Danish, 1 arrival and 1 departure; French, 1 arrival and 1 departure; American, 1 arrival and 2 departures.

The total number of vessels in port was 74, of which, 27 were British.

## SHIPPING NOTES.

The total number of deck passengers entering into the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 2,112.

The a.s. *Mishima Maru* on a voyage from Yokohama to Australia came into port yesterday, and amongst her passengers list of over 200, twenty-five disembarked here.

The N.Y.K. *Kamo Maru* arriving yesterday from London brought 90 passengers for Hong Kong. The liner carried 100 through passengers.

The *Empress of Asia*, which left Woonung at 1 p.m. yesterday, is due here to-morrow.

Word has been received by the Sui Tong shop, at No. 209, Wing Lok Street, that a junk dispatched by the firm to Macao has been seized by the Macao police, with a cargo of rice and bran, which is valued at \$8,000. The master of the boat is stated to have absconded. The reason for the seizure is not disclosed.

## WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks issued by the Royal Observatory at 8 p.m. stated:

The anti-cyclone has strengthened slightly. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China Sea.

Local forecast: N.E. winds, fresh, fair.

## VESSELS EXPECTED.

*Antenor* (Blue Funnel), due March 5th.

*Benavon* (Ben. Line), due March 2nd.

*Calchas* (Blue Funnel), due March 17th.

*Delia* (Swedish East Asiatic), due March 2nd.

*Empress of Asia* (C.P.R.), due to-morrow.

*Eumacus* (Blue Funnel), due March 27th.

*Gambhira* (B.I. & Apcar), due 27th, about 7 a.m.

*Hector* (Blue Funnel), due April 2nd.

*Polypheus* (Blue Funnel), due March 7th.

*President Jefferson* (D.S. and A.M.L.), due February 27th.

*President Lincoln* (D.S. and A.M.L.), due February 23rd.

*President Wilson* (D.S. and A.M.L.), due February 23rd.

*Rhezenor* (Blue Funnel), due March 1st.

*Troilus* (Blue Funnel), due March 9th.

*Wendell* (Blue Funnel), due March 17th.

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## HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, Feb. 22d.

Previous On Date On Date

at 2 p.m. at 2 p.m. at 2 p.m.

Barometer... 29.83 30.14 30.13

Temperature... 63 64 60

Humidity... 67 61 60

Wind... W NE ESE

Direction... W NE ESE

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